

WEATHER FORECASTS
Victoria and vicinity—strong winds or gales, mostly from the south-east, but settled and mild with rain.
Lower Mainland—easterly winds, fresh to strong on the gulf, unsettled and mild with rain.

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PURCHASE OF SUBMARINES PRAISED BY COMMISSIONER

Sir Charles Davidson Finds
Sir Richard McBride's Ac-
tion Thoroughly Justified—
To Be Highly Commended.

Price Not Too High to Be Paid
in View of Defenceless Con-
dition of British Columbia
Coast—Expert Opinions.

Motives Patriotic and Conduct
That of Honorable Man—
Report Also Deals With Sale
of Ammunition.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—Vindication of the activity of the Government in purchasing two submarines for the Pacific coast at the outbreak of the war, general conclusions on the numerous enquiries he has held and specific findings in regard to the sale of small arms ammunition are contained in the first installment of Sir Charles Davidson's report, made public tonight.

The Commissioner, in dealing with the purchase of the submarines, calls attention to the comparatively undeveloped state of the Pacific coast at the outbreak of war, and the presence of enemy ships in the Pacific, and says:

"In-camera evidence contains details of the official instructions received by the naval authorities to expect an immediate attack. The submarines were highly desirable for defence purposes."

He finds that the vessels purchased were efficient fighting machines. The price of \$1,150,000 paid by Sir Richard McBride, and afterwards by the Dominion Government, was in excess of the original contract price at which the Seattle Construction and Drydock Co., as sub-contractors for the Electric Development Co. of New Jersey, built the submarines to the order of the Chilean Government. The contract price was \$818,000. The commissioner gives consideration to the general advance in prices after the time the contract price was fixed, this price being in itself a low one, and says: "To have refused the two submarines because the price was high would have meant more than a mistake of judgment, it would have been indefensible."

Sir Charles reviews the whole transaction, and finds as to the distribution of the purchase price it is conclusively shown that not a cent of it has been paid out for commissions or for any assistance with regard to the transaction.

Patriotic and Honorable

Alluding specifically to Sir Richard McBride, the commissioner says: "It is cause for congratulation to all Canadians that this much discussed and criticized enterprise was thoroughly of a blameless character. The acquisition of these submarines probably saved—so it is believed by many, including high naval authorities—the cities of Victoria and Vancouver, or one or other of them, from attack and enormous tribute. What Sir Richard McBride in those days of great anxiety and distress accomplished deserves the commendation of his fellow-countrymen. For his motives were those of patriotism and his conduct that of an honorable man."

The findings in regard to the sale to the Admiralty of three million rounds of ammunition by the Militia Department are that the price of 32¢ per thousand was not an undervaluation, that the personal integrity of Sir Sam Hughes is not assailed and the final price to be paid the Admiralty is still an open question.

CANADA'S SHARE

Sir George Foster and Sir George Foster
Voice Dominion's Determination
in Regard to War

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The weekly newspaper Canada, published here, had several New Year's messages from prominent personages connected with or interested in the Dominion's affairs. Sir George Foster, the Overseas Minister of Militia and acting High Commissioner for Canada, in a New Year's message published in "Canada" writes:

"Canada has kept her divisions up to strength, and every month brings them more reinforcements. But what shall we say of Britain? The whole force of the nation is now at the service of the state. Never has she been greater or her spirit stronger."

"The signs show that the struggle should be over before another year is ended. But, be the time long or short, we can and shall continue until we are victorious."

Sir George Foster, the Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, who has been in London for some weeks, also addressed a New Year's message to Britain through "Canada." It wrote:

"Canada at home is fully determined to carry this war to a glorious conclusion. We are calling upon our people anew for united national service and the practice of thrift and self-denial so that Canada's whole strength may be added to the Empire's forces."

STEAL BELGIAN METALS

Governor-General von Bissing Orders
Seizure of Household Goods, In-
cluding Kitchen Utensils

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says that the Maatschappij, Les Nouvelles, is authority for a statement that the Governor-General of Belgium has issued a decree ordering the seizure of all household goods made of brass, copper, tin, nickel or bronze, including kitchen utensils, door plates and door knobs.
The communes have been ordered to assist in the collection.



SIR RICHARD MCBRIDE, K.C.M.G., former Premier and now Agent-General for British Columbia, whose promptitude in purchasing two submarines at the beginning of the war for Pacific Coast defence, is described by Sir Charles Davidson as "deserving the commendation of his fellow-countrymen. For his motives were those of patriotism and his conduct that of an honorable man."

CONFERENCES OF CENTRAL POWERS

Four Monarchs to Meet at
Vienna Soon—Foreign Min-
isters and Presidents of
Parliaments at Berlin.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Prominence is given in London newspapers to reports of conferences to be held in Vienna and Berlin. The inference is drawn that, as the war staffs are to take no part in the conferences, they are rather than to conduct of the war.

Emperor William, Emperor Charles, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria and the Sultan of Turkey are to meet in Vienna, according to the newspaper reports, while the foreign ministers and presidents of the parliaments of the Central Powers will assemble in Berlin. The latter conference has been fixed for January 15, while that of the sovereigns probably will precede it.

Premier Tisza, of Hungary, and Count Julius Andrássy, leader of the Hungarian opposition, have arrived in Vienna. Count Andrássy was summoned by Emperor Charles, and Premier Tisza conferred today with Count von Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister and Count Czernin-Martin, the Austrian Premier. It is believed that these conferences are connected with changes in the Hungarian cabinet.

CREW DROWNED BY SUBMARINE

Steamer North Wales Fur-
nished Another Illustration
of Brutal Methods Followed
by German Pirates.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—An Admiralty announcement of another case "of callous disregard for the lives of non-combatants come to light," says that nothing further had been heard of the British steamer North Wales, proceeding in ballast from Hull for Canada, which a German wireless dispatch on November 10 reported as having been torpedoed. As only one piece of wood marked "North Wales" has been washed ashore, together with some bodies on the Cornish coast, it is presumed that the crew, who took to the boats in the gale then raging, were drowned.

Shelled Without Warning

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Jan. 4.—The Newfoundland schooner Roma was sunk in the Mediterranean Sea on November 30, by a submarine, according to a letter received today by Mrs. Thomas Laurie, wife of the master of the vessel. The Roma was two days out from Naples when Capt. Laurie says the submarine fired upon him without warning, sending twenty shots into the vessel. The captain and his crew, who are all Newfoundlanders, are now in England.

PRISONERS IN BERMUDA

Captain of Ship Reports Having Seen
Men in German Naval Uniform
Marched Through Streets

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 4.—A British shipmaster who declined to permit his name to be used, told on arriving in port today of seeing 23 men in German naval uniform being marched under guard through the streets of a Bermuda port when his ship touched there recently.
He said the incident had given rise to a report that a German commerce raider or submarine had been captured in the south Atlantic.

BRITAIN'S GREAT ARMY IN FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 4.—A special Havas dispatch from the British front in France says:
"General Sir Douglas Haig today commands the largest army Great Britain ever raised on her soil. The number of effectives in the British army in France on January 1 was nearly two million men, completely trained and ready day or night to receive orders from their commander-in-chief. This figure only refers to the British force in France, and is exclusive of those employed in the defence of Great Britain, and in Ireland, India, Salonica, Egypt, Mesopotamia and Africa."

Wounded Officers

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Wounded Canadian officers who have just been located in hospitals include the following: Lieut. W. F. Hay, at Le Touquet, slightly wounded in the left leg and thigh; Lieut. W. J. Brothers, shot in right arm and head; Lieut. V. G. Morris, wounded in the cheek, at Cambrai, both minor casualties; Lieut. M. B. Hedson, severe wound in the forearm, at Woolwich.

HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM DOBRUDJA

Russian Forces Now Hold Only
Small Strip of Land—En-
emy Positions in Carpa-
thians Stormed.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Dobruja has been cleared of Russian and Roumanian defenders with the exception of a Russian rearguard which occupies a narrow strip of land leading toward Galatz, says the war office announcement. About one thousand prisoners and ten machine guns were captured in the taking of Matchin and Jijila.

The official statement says:
"Western war theatre—Fighting activity has been limited owing to rains and fogs."

"Eastern front—Front of Prince Leopold, Northwest of Divinsky, companies of the Oldenburg reserve infantry regiment Number 259, pushed across the Divinsky river on the ice and captured an island from the Russians, taking more than forty prisoners and bringing back several machine guns."

In Carpathians

"Front of Archduke Joseph—in the wooded Carpathians Russian detachments succeeded in gaining a footing in a most advanced position north of Meste Canesel. German and Austro-Hungarian troops captured the north Ostuz road and both sides of Soveia, in the Suchitza valley, taking several heights by hand-to-hand fighting and maintaining them against strong hostile attacks."

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—Northwest of Pskovskoi troops were victorious in the Mlov river sector. A strong force of Russian cavalry attempted to advance west of the mouth of the Buzey river, but was repulsed. German and Bulgarian regiments, fighting shoulder to shoulder, stormed and captured in hand-to-hand fighting the tenaciously defended towns of Matchin and Jijila. About one thousand prisoners and ten machine guns were brought in."

"Dobruja—The narrow strip of land leading toward Galatz, which still is held by Russian rearguards. "Macedonian front—There was no event of importance."

"On the east and west fronts no important fighting has been reported."

"In Roumanian engagements along the Sereth river continue."

Russian Success

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.—The capture by Russian forces on the Roumanian front of 600 prisoners, three cannon and sixteen machine guns, together with some mine throwers and bomb mortars, is announced in today's war office statement. This success resulted from an attack on hostile positions on heights to the south of Botochu mountain in the wooded Carpathians.

The Russian forces in Dobruja began yesterday a withdrawal toward Braila, across the Danube in Wallachia, the war office says. The Russian retreat followed heavy fighting, during which one attack near Matchin was beaten off, but later resulted in yielding of ground by the Russians, beginning their withdrawal movement.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British War Office, declared today that the latest reports received in London from the Roumanian theatre of military operations indicated that the Russian forces had evacuated the province of Dobruja without loss.

Against Registration

WINNIPEG, Jan. 4.—At the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council this evening, Secretary R. A. RICE, M. P., read a number of letters from affiliated unions opposing registration. Some of these stated the reason for the action taken was that in the opinion of the members, before the war, the power was vested in the hands of the country, and that wealth should be conscripted. The most important resolution adopted was that proposed by the anti-registration committee.

French Scientists Dies

PARIS, Jan. 4.—Professor Jean Baptiste Chauvau, the eminent biologist, member of the Institute and of the Academy of Medicine, died today.

Mounted Police Transfer

EDMONTON, Jan. 4.—The Government of Alberta was informed today that the Dominion Government had decided to postpone until March 1 the transfer of the Provincial police duties from the R.N.W.M.P. to the Provincial authorities.

Appeals to the Vatican



EMPEROR CHARLES OF AUSTRIA
Who has sent a special emissary to His Holiness urging him to intervene to bring about peace.

ENGLISH FIRM'S BIDS ON SHELLS

Hadfields Limited Offers to
Make Heavy Projectiles for
U. S. Navy at Prices Below
American Concerns.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Despite demands upon British munition plants because of the war, Hadfields Limited, an English concern, outbid American companies in proposals opened today for 15-inch and 14-inch armor-piercing projectiles for the United States navy. Not only are the English company's figures more than \$200 per projectile below the nearest American competitor, but the time is cut in half, and the shells are to be delivered in the United States duty paid.

Five companies submitted proposals for 15-inch types, the first of that size to be obtained for the navy. The lowest domestic bid was that of the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company, which offered to make 2,500 projectiles in 32 months at \$750. The Hadfields bid was for three thousand in 16 months at \$512. On 14-inch projectiles the Washington Steel and Ordnance Co. estimate was for one thousand in 22 months at \$500 and the Hadfields bid \$450 in 11 months at \$356. The bids for the 14-inch projectiles show a decided increase, so far as the American companies are concerned, over orders placed in October, 1916, at \$492.

Secretary Daniels said the ability of the English concern to seek foreign orders during the war was probably due to the fact that with heavy shells taking little active part in the naval fighting there is no need to conserve the ammunition supply of big navy guns. He said the Hadfields company's offer would be considered in awarding contracts.

BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK

Fears That 150 Officers and Men on
Ivernia Have Been Lost—Work
of Submarine

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The British transport Ivernia has been sunk. It was officially announced tonight. One hundred and fifty military officers and men are missing.
The Admiralty statement regarding the sinking of the Ivernia reads:
"The Ivernia was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on January 1, during bad weather and while carrying troops. At present four military officers and 146 men are missing. "The casualties among the Ivernia's officers and crew are not yet definitely known, but hopes are entertained that the only officers of the ship missing are the surgeon and chief engineer."

The British transport Ivernia, which is reported to have been sunk, was owned by the Cunard Company. She was a steel, twin-screw vessel of 14,110 tons gross, length 582 feet. She was built by Swan & Hunter at Newcastle in 1906.

Representing Austria

GENEVA, Jan. 4.—The Austrian Government has asked Switzerland to represent Austro-Hungarian interests in the unoccupied portion of Roumania. The political department has accordingly instructed the Swiss charge d'affaires at Jassy to take charge of the interests of Austro-Hungary.

Twenty-two Drowned

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that twenty-two women and children were drowned through the sinking of a ferry boat in a collision on the Mondie near Helstat.

URGENTLY REQUEST POPE TO INTERVENE FOR PEACE

SUCCESS IN EAST AFRICA

British Forces Storm Strongly En-
trenched Enemy Lines, Inflicting
Heavy Casualties

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The following official communication was issued tonight:
"In East Africa our forces in the vicinity of Kimsaki, south of the Ulu-guru Hills, assumed the offensive on New Year's Day. They stormed the enemy's strongly entrenched lines in the Mgeta Valley, inflicting heavy casualties and capturing several guns and POWs."
"Pursuing the enemy, we approached on January 3 the Tlogowali River, eleven miles northwest of Kimsaki."

Interests of Neutrals

MADRID, Jan. 4.—The newspapers here say that according to advices received from a diplomatic source, the Swedish Government has sent a note to the Spanish Cabinet asking it to outline what measures the Cabinet considers could be taken to defend the interests of neutrals.

ANOTHER HINT TO SWITZERLAND

Cologne Gazette Alludes Mys-
teriously to Fate of Nations
Now Neutral—German Min-
ister Offers Reassurances.

GENEVA, Jan. 4.—The Journal Democratique says that President Schulthess and former Presidents Motta and De Coppet voted against the recent Swiss note, supporting President Wilson's communication to the belligerents in the form that it is now issued, but they were in the minority in the Federal council.

There is much discussion in the Swiss newspapers of a statement credited to The Cologne Gazette concerning neutral nations—"That the Swiss confederation has the greatest interest to see peace concluded rapidly, because it is now impossible to foresee the future fate of the nations which have remained neutral up to the present."

The Geneva Tribune sarcastically asks The Cologne Gazette to explain the meaning of the "future fate of neutrals."

The German Minister at Bern in an interview with the Bund is quoted as having said that Switzerland has nothing to fear from Germany, which country will strictly respect and guard Switzerland's neutrality. The rumors to the contrary published in Entente newspapers, the minister added, were without foundation, and were designed to disrupt the friendly relations between the two countries.

La Suisse, commenting on the interview, agrees with the minister's statement, but asks:

"What about the neutrality of Luxembourg and Belgium?"

CHASED BY SUBMARINE

Captain of Italian Steamer Reports Es-
cape From Austrian Pirates—
British Vessel Sunk

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 4.—The captain of an Italian steamer which arrived today reported that his vessel was chased by an Austrian submarine off the Italian coast.

The submarine was sinking an English ship at the time, said the captain. An order to stop was not heeded, and the Italian steamer got away before the submarine sunk the other ship.

DIVIDING UPON PEACE QUESTION

Socialist Minority in Germany
Preparing to Separate From
Main Party—Meeting to Be
Held on Sunday

LONDON, Jan. 5.—According to the Cologne Gazette, a copy of which has been received here, the German Socialist minority and the Spartacus group propose to separate entirely from the Socialist party at a meeting to be held on January 7.

Advices received from Amsterdam say the trouble is due to the peace question.

A Reuter's Amsterdam dispatch says the Socialist party committee has published a statement in the Vorwarts denouncing the proposed meeting as incompatible with the unity and organization of the party, and warning Socialists against participating in it.

An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that exceptional importance is attached to the meeting, which will discuss peace. The dispatch says that the event may mark the beginning of a complete reversal of the Socialist attitude toward peace, especially as the minority group is preponderant among Saxon Socialists, at whose headquarters in Dresden the meeting will be held.

Successful Raid By British

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A British communication issued today dealing with the situation on the Macedonian front, says: "On the Struma front, we successfully raided the village of Koprut, inflicting several casualties and taking twenty-eight prisoners. Enemy positions in the neighborhood of Rostitsa have been bombarded by the Royal Navy."

Emperor and Empress of Aus-
tria Reported to Have Sent
Special Emissary to Vatican
With That Object.

Internal Conditions Will Make
Continuation of Struggle
Disastrous to Dual Mon-
archy—Starving Viennese.

Significant Declaration by Pre-
mier Radoslavoff, of Bul-
garia—Prince Adalbert on
Mission to Sofia.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Emperor and Empress of Austria-Hungary have sent a special emissary to the Vatican, urgently requesting the Pope to intervene for peace.

News of this received here tonight caused a sensation, though it was scarcely unexpected. The desperate economic situation of Austria, the revival of traditional Hapsburg antagonism to Prussia and the imminence of the fall of the Tisza ministry, had led inner circles to believe the Emperor would make desperate attempts to secure peace.

Even a separate peace between Austria and Italy would save something out of the wreckage of the Dual Monarchy, and the Allies long have been prepared for such a move.

Coupled with this comes a general understanding among Allied diplomats that another German peace note, written in a minor key, is likely to arrive at any moment. Whether this note will be directed to neutral powers or to the belligerents is regarded as of little account, especially as it is generally thought that President Wilson is already acquainted with its general import.

Distress in Vienna

GENEVA, Jan. 4.—The burgo-master of Dr. Weiskirchner, threatens to resign if Hungary continues to refuse to send food to Vienna, according to reports received here. He is quoted as saying that the prisons are filled, chiefly with women and children, the streets of having stolen food, while housewives are afraid to go shopping for food, even in the principal streets, owing to robberies and assaults. The Swiss and German papers are crowded with advertisements for Swiss servants to go to Germany, the reason being that Swiss in Germany is allowed to receive from home weekly ten pounds of food-stuffs.

Berlin's Conclusions

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The official text of the Entente reply to the peace proposals has finally been received by the American embassy by the roundabout route of Washington and Copenhagen. It will be presented by Ambassador Gerard to the Foreign Office this afternoon. There is no urgency with respect to the presentation, as the Swiss minister presented the official text received from Italy on Tuesday.

Sober second thought in official circles confirms the expression uttered on the day the press version of the note was received here, that the note puts an end to the German peace proposals, and that Germany and her allies must buckle down to the task of continuing the struggle with all energy. This undercurrent of opinion is largely supported by the opinion expressed in the neutral press.

It is considered in some quarters that the reply of the Entente will not entirely close the door to the possibility of peace discussions. Those who hold that belief contend that this could be done either in response to a further invitation from President Wilson to both sides to state terms simultaneously and fundamentally, or perhaps through an open declaration of their terms by the central powers.

Bulgaria Ready For Peace

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A Rotterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, which has been received here, says that information, says Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria made the following statement to a Hungarian journalist:

"Bulgaria has won the game and can afford to sign a peace treaty satisfactory to all. Peace is nearing quickly. We are expected to make concessions, but the greatest concession—our peace offer—has already been made."

The German Emperor has sent Prince Adalbert on a secret mission to Sofia and Constantinople, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam. It is believed his visit is in connection with peace, and the prince is expected to report to headquarters before January 10.

PRAISE FOR BATTALION

General Byng Compliments Men of
Ottawa Unit, Which He Recently
Inspected

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—Writing from France to his wife in this city, an officer of one of the Ottawa Battalions describes an inspection of the unit by General Byng as follows:
"Our inspection by Gen. Byng was the most exciting we have ever had. How proud all our Ottawa well-wishers would have been to have heard his remarks to us on our arrival. He referred to the honor he had been accorded in being asked by the divisional commander to inspect this famous battalion, which had recently made history on the Somme and brought undying glory and honor to its regimental number."

"This General is a wonderful man, and just the way he puts things seemed to make up for all the losses we have suffered and the hardships endured."

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Reported Murder of General El. PAIRO, Tex., Jan. 4.—A rumor reached the border that the French consul at Torreon, M. Bernardini, had been killed by Villa followers during their occupation of that place, but the rumor was discredited by Government agents here.

Mrs. Cornwallis-West LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Daily Mail learns that Mrs. Wm. Cornwallis-West, who has been severely concerned by a court of inquiry in connection with army affairs, has decided to retire from every kind of public work.

PUBLIC WISHES TO SEE WAR ENDWashington Correspondent
Speaks of Sentiment in
United States—Influence of
President Wilson's Note.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Morning Post prints the following dispatch from its Washington correspondent:

"I again feel it my duty to warn readers of The Morning Post not to take too much for granted regarding the relations existing between Great Britain and the United States, and especially not to commit the deplorable folly of assuming that nothing can happen that either will or may disturb relations now existing."

"When, immediately after the President's note was made public, I quoted an official of high standing as explaining the note by saying that Mr. Wilson might be compelled to elect whether the United States should become the ally of the Allies or the ally of Germany, the mere suggestion of Anglo-American relations becoming strained was regarded as impossible and unwarranted. It was not unwarranted, nor is it impossible, and it is well that the truth should be told."

"Certain fundamental facts must be understood. In brief, they are that a majority of the people of the eastern part of the United States are now pro-Ally, and that a majority of the intellectual and thinking persons of both West and East are equally strong in support of the Allied cause, but that these persons constitute a minority."

Pressed by High Cost of Living

"The high cost of living is pressing severely on everybody and the high prices are attributed to the war. Thousands of persons to whom the war has brought no profit, but only a desperate struggle to make both ends meet, now want peace so that they may keep out of debt. The country has been led to believe that peace and prosperity will be even more profitable than war and prosperity."

"Newspapers have joined in a conspiracy of optimism. In every issue they tell of the enormous demands Europe will make upon the United States for raw materials and manufactured goods after the war, and the workingmen believe that high wages will continue and that commodity prices will drop, which is the workingman's millennium."

"In addition, there is a peace element of men and women who cry 'Stop the war!' who talk about this 'senseless and useless' war, who say that both sides are to blame, and who cannot distinguish between Germany fighting for conquest and enslaving free peoples, and Great Britain and her Allies fighting for freedom and the liberties of little nations."

"Finally, there is the fear on all sides of war—a fear which is expressed by the President in his note that the United States will be dragged into war—and it is this fear which perhaps explains nine-tenths of the American people willing that any patched-up truce shall be agreed to if only they can be kept out of war."

May Become Dangerous

"Combining all these elements, it will be readily seen that there is an enormous sentiment for peace, and that the powers that profess to be desirous of peace win popular sympathy, while the powers opposing a dishonest peace are looked upon as enemies of the United States. Let this sentiment grow, and it will readily be seen how dangerous it may become."

"Crediting to President Wilson the highest and most distinguished motives, it is a fact, nevertheless, that his peace note has influenced sentiment against the Allies. Some newspapers talk about the unfavorable reply to the peace proposals by the Entente Allies, which is exactly the impression Germany desires to create in the public mind. These newspapers are not pro-German, nor are they under German control, but they reflect the German disappointment, and the public, forming hasty conclusions, believe that Germany wants peace and that the Allies are resisting it."

Must Be Reckoned With

The only paper which so far has commented on The Morning Post's dispatch from Washington is The Westminster Gazette, which in an article headed "Ourselves and the United States," says that the "Post's message deserves very careful attention."

The Westminster Gazette omits all reference to The Post's suggestion of the possibility of Mr. Wilson's "sinking" to become an ally of Germany. The fact that British opinion considers such eventualities as being outside the range of possibility doubtless explains the omission.

Where The Gazette finds itself in some agreement with The Morning Post's correspondent is in the belief that Mr. Wilson is "determined to press his efforts to bring about peace," in spite of all discouragements at the beginning.

"We were never inclined to believe anything else, and no other hypothesis is wiser or safer," the newspaper says. "The naive surprise expressed in some quarters that President Wilson is found to have communicated with and concurred his move with other neutrals is unworthy of serious critics professing to read the signs of the times."

The note that the American President is purely an academic person who launched literary essays on the world without preparation beforehand, or consideration of the next step if probable consequences follow, is a dangerous delusion which may seriously lead us astray if it is not abandoned. For good or evil we have to realize that the President is in a position of great power and that if he has the American people behind him, and also neutrals, we are bound to treat him as a very serious factor at this stage of the war. If, as The Morning Post's correspondent suggests, he is taking steps to get his action ratified by a resolution in the Senate, we should have to take that as a definite intimation that he means to go on in spite of our reply."

Mr. Saunders Promoted

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—J. C. Saunders, chief accountant of the Department of Finance, and Dominion bookkeeper, has been appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department, to succeed Henry T. Ross, who resigned to become secretary of the Canadian Bankers' Association. Mr. Saunders has been in the service of the Government since 1882.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—The following are the killed in action and dead contained in a casualty list of 55 names issued by the Department of Militia at ten o'clock tonight:

Infantry
(Killed in Action)
Pte. Achille Perusse, Quebec.
Pte. K. A. Parks, Oshawa, Ont.
Pte. Roy Robinson, St. Thomas, Ont.
Pte. A. Dionne, Oshawa, Ont.
Pte. C. G. Porter, England.
Pte. H. C. Flint, England.
Pte. F. F. Roy, Ottawa.
Pte. Geo. Day, England.
(Died of Wounds)
Pte. W. E. Hunt, Binghamton, N. Y. (Died)
Pte. C. W. Wilcox, Beamsville, Ont.
Pte. C. W. Armstrong, Edmonton.
(Previously Reported Missing: Now Killed in Action)
Pte. Arthur Parkhouse, St. Catharines, Ont.
Pte. Edward Sauve, Cornwall, Ont.
Pte. Wm. Baldwin, Calgary.
Pte. Wm. Law, Scotland.
Pte. F. J. Cook, England.
Pte. J. T. McLean, Pocatong, Alta.

Artillery
(Died)
Pte. L. Bruin, no address.

Services
(Died)
Cpl. A. Cook, Brandon, Man.

BOPP'S DEFENCE NEARLY CLOSEDEvidence Intended to Show
That Activities of Crowley
and Smith Were Confined
to Investigations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—With the exception of two minor witnesses, the defence for Franz Bopp, German Consul-General accused of fomenting an anti-Neutrality plot, and his colleagues closed today in the United States District court.

U. S. District Attorney John W. Preston called Louis J. Smith, chief witness for the Government, to the stand late this afternoon. Smith's previous evidence was amplified concerning the details of his conversations and transactions with Chas. C. Crowley, the consul's secret agent, and after the explosion of the thirty-ton dynamite barge in Seattle Harbor on May 30, 1915.

Crowley, who, with Smith, the government charges as the actual handler of dynamite in the Bopp case, alleged conspiracy, was forced to undergo another grueling examination by Mr. Preston, early in the day. In substantiation of a charge by Smith that the two consular secret agents had arranged a false expense bill to be paid by Bopp, a page from Smith's notebook was shown to the jury, together with an example of Crowley's handwriting. It was claimed that the memorandum had been made in the book by Crowley.

Insisting that the activities of Smith and Crowley were confined to legitimate investigation of Entente military activities, and in nowise connected with the blowing up of trains and ships, the defence introduced several pieces of diplomatic correspondence during the morning session.

These letters, passing between Count von Bernstorff, the Imperial German Ambassador, Wm. J. Bryan, then Secretary of State, Consul General Bopp and Capt. Boy-Ed, former naval attaché of the German embassy at Washington, showed that Germany had protested against the construction of Entente submarines in San Francisco. According to Bopp's attorneys, this protest was based upon evidence obtained by Crowley as a detective.

It was also demonstrated that the embassy, promoted by the San Francisco consulate, had protested the dispatching of American ships from San Francisco to Turtle Bay on the west coast of Mexico, to help lift heavy guns from the stranded Japanese cruiser Asama. This protest Secretary Bryan had declined to act upon. These investigations activities in 1914-1915 explain all the code messages and mysterious actions of Crowley and Smith is the pivotal assertion of the Bopp defence.

NO VOTE IN SENATE

Senator Hitchcock's Resolution Approving of President Wilson's Note Is Again Sent Over

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The American note to the belligerent powers suggesting a discussion of peace terms was debated again in the Senate, but two hours of attack and defence failed to bring to a vote the Hitchcock resolution endorsing President Wilson's action in sending it.

The resolution will come up tomorrow with the prospect of further antagonistic speeches by Republicans. An effort by Senator Hitchcock to secure unanimous consent for a vote late tomorrow night was known to be dead.

Senator Brandegee, the Republican leader, replied with a warning that an attempt to force action would meet with opposition.

TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Bernard Lewis, Wanted in Connection With Murder of Mabel Colbert, Shoots Himself

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Jan. 4.—Bernard Lewis, the wealthy young Pittsburgher wanted in connection with the murder of Mabel Colbert, the Philadelphia art model, committed suicide here tonight. Whether he left anything to shed light on the mystery is not stated.

Lewis shot himself in a bathroom of the States Villa, 115 States Avenue, while the police were ascending the stairs to arrest him on orders from Philadelphia. He had barricaded the door with a few articles of furniture, and the police smashed their way into the room, he was dead.

BELGIANS DYING IN PRISON CAMPMen Deported to Germany
Suffer From Hunger and Ill-Usage—Some Sent Home
Are Near to Death.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 4.—The first report directly from the Belgians deported to Germany, who have been invalided from the camp at Soltau, Prussia, has been given to the Associated Press. These prisoners were returned from Germany because they were almost in a dying condition. A number of them who were interviewed while separated from each other agreed in their stories of conditions prevailing in the Soltau camp.

Seventy of the Belgians were sent home in a crowded cattle truck attached to a freight train. It took them three days and three nights for the journey, which usually is made by express trains in six hours. They arrived home in an emaciated condition, coughing, the greater number of them bearing evidence of having contracted tuberculosis.

Practically Starved

According to the statements made by these Belgians, while in the civil camp at Soltau, they received at 6 o'clock in the morning a bowl of some decoction made from acorns. At midday they received half a liter of soup containing mostly water and a few turnips, carrots and shrimps, served without bread or potatoes. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon there was given to them 250 grams (slightly more than half a pound) of black bread, bad and often mildewed. In the evening, as at midday, they received half a liter of soup, sometimes containing bran or brown malt.

For this reason the stronger men went under and the weaker ones fell ill, so Belgians say, deaths occurring daily. Two of the Belgians are said to have become insane the first week. The torment of hunger drove them to such extremes that they crept into the kitchen and collected peelings of potatoes and carrots.

One workman who attempted to escape is reported to have been brought down with a shot and finished with the bayonet.

Nearly was a prison camp for captured Belgian soldiers. The soldiers were better fed than the civilians and came in contact with them on being permitted to attend funerals of civilians. Fleeing their countrymen, they took to them secretly bread and preserved articles of food.

Refuse to Work

The returned Belgians say the civilians at Soltau receive no soap and are advised to use sand instead. Notwithstanding these sufferings, most of them refuse to work, although promised good food and considerable pay.

On one occasion 40 artisans were taken away and returned eight days later. They said they had been taken to the Grand Duchy of Baden, where for two days they were placed on abundant rations, being told if they accepted work they would receive such food regularly. On refusing they were sent back to Soltau in a cattle truck, where, they reported, they were kept without food for 35 hours.

According to these accounts there are 11,000 Belgians at Soltau who refuse to work and still hope their release may be brought about. Brussels and Liege thus far are said to have escaped forced labor regulations.

CHILDREN DEAD IN SCHOOLHOUSEFifteen Reported Killed by
Tornado Which Swept Part
of Oklahoma—No Other
Victims So Far Known.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 4.—A one-room frame schoolhouse in which were 15 children, was shattered by a tornado late today, every child except one being killed or injured, according to reports received by telephone.

Runners dispatched from the scene of the disaster in southeastern Oklahoma to Muskogee, Okla., seven miles away, reported at least eight children dead. This estimate was based on meagre information, other reports indicating that perhaps 15 children, most of them girls, had been killed in the storm.

One father is said to have lost his three children. Two girls by the name of Warren, two others of the Davis family, and a fifth daughter of B. Warren, a farmer, are known to be dead.

Reports of deaths in other localities appear to be unfounded.

WINNIPEG MAYORALTY

Account So Far Given Alderman Davidson Majority of Eighteen Over Mr. Dwyer

WINNIPEG, Jan. 4.—With seventy-three boxes out of ninety-six examined and the majority ballots counted, Alderman F. H. Davidson now leads Mayor Dwyer by a margin of 18 to 17.

On election day Mayor Dwyer was declared elected by eighteen votes, and on last Tuesday was officially sworn in as Mayor of Winnipeg.

MR. LAWSON TO TESTIFY

Canada Will Plead for Trip to Europe and Will Appear at "Zook" Investigation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Thos. W. Lawson telegraphed Speaker Clark tonight that he had cancelled his plans for a trip to Europe, and would be in Washington "before breakfast" Monday morning to testify before the House Rules Committee, which today ordered

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public hearings on Representative Wood's charge that a leak gave Wall Street advance information about President Wilson's peace note.

"Earlier, in response to a telegraphed subpoena, Mr. Lawson had notified the speaker that he would be unable to appear, because he was sailing for Europe on Saturday, and when the second message came the House leaders were considering whether there was authority to bring the Boston financier here by force."

Governor of Canal Zone
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Lieut.-Col. Chester Harding, of the Army Engineer Corps, now acting Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, was nominated by President Wilson yesterday to be Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, succeeding Major-Gen. George W. Goethals, who retired at his own request.

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"PEACE" DAYS
AMONG TRENCHES

Armies Revert to Older Form of Warfare, While Attacks on Large Scale Are Impossible—Trouble for Foe.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Jan. 4.—(By Philip Gibbs).—The old business of trench warfare has been resumed for a while out here during the days of "peace," as the soldiers call this way of fighting when there are no attacks. It is a business conducted with extreme technical skill and directed by specialized minds, taking into consideration all manner of problems beyond the scope of the simple soldier, such as new dispositions of German troops, reinforcements of hostile batteries at certain sections of the front, supplies of ammunition, difficulties of transport, the wear and tear of guns, and the influence of the weather on operations.

It is a business which, on the British side, is devoted to one simple deadly object, that is, to kill German soldiers wherever shell or trench bomb

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BAPTIST REPORT
IS DISCUSSED

London Press Comments on Result of Inquiry Into Canadian Medical Service—Case of Doctors Differing.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Times, discussing the Baptist report, describes it as a very interesting and reassuring document which reveals the unhappy general and deserved fate of the concentration scheme for Canadian wounded. The board has cleared Surgeon-General Carleton Jones, praising his zeal, efficiency and tact and commending his good work, done under circumstances of great novelty and difficulty, the Times considers.

"The result of their report," the Times says, "is to dissipate the sinister rumors which were current and to dispose of the concentration system, to vindicate the V. A. D. hospitals in Britain, and through the administrative act of Sir George Perley to terminate Colonel Bruce's appointment as inspector-general."

The Star tonight says: "Those laymen who are apt to be influenced by the modern dogma of infallibility of doctors will be interested in the Canadian medical controversy. Col. Bruce drew up a report in which he demanded re-organization of the Canadian service from top to bottom. This report was a severe criticism of existing arrangements. Now comes a second report from the board presided over by Surgeon-General Baptiste, and composed of a Canadian general and three Canadian army surgeons. Their report wholly condemns the report of Col. Bruce. The board denies the allegations and commends the hospitals which the Bruce report condemned."

"The British and Canadian public may choose between the reports. Either the Bruce report was uncalculated for or the Baptiste report is whitewashing. It is pleasant to reflect that any single member of these rival boards may in his medical capacity give a certificate which may hang a man or blast a woman's reputation. When we are asked to accept the verdict of the medical profession on, say, vivisection, vaccination, or bone setting, as final and decisive we may well recall the Bruce and Baptiste reports."

The Evening Standard says: "These allegations against the medical service formed one of the most unpleasant matters with which Sir George Perley had to concern himself after assuming office, but he met the situation with courage and wisely sought for an enquiry by a board composed of leading medical men both in the Imperial and Canadian forces. In all but a few particulars the board has reported favorably on Surgeon-General Carleton Jones, who built up the service and was in supreme command of it until quite recently, when the late Minister of Militia sent over an eminent Toronto medico, who was given the rank of inspector-general and reported in favor of top-to-bottom changes."

The Westminster Gazette, after reviewing the findings of the Baptist commission, exclaims: "It is little wonder that Col. Bruce is no longer permitted by the Canadian Government to be special inspector-general."

QUEBEC SENTIMENT

Mr. Lesperance Thinks National Service Scheme Will Be Well Supported—Assistance of Clergy

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—D. O. Lesperance, former M. P. for Montmagny and president of the Harbor Commission of Quebec, was in Ottawa yesterday with Lieut.-Col. T. A. Chauveau, director of national service for the Quebec district. Mr. Lesperance, and what he thought the attitude of his home province would be towards national service and the present plans of the Dominion government, said:

"I think that when all the replies have been received to the cards which the government have sent out that the province of Quebec will show up as favorably as any other province in the Dominion."

Lieut.-Col. Chauveau stated that Bishop Roy, of Quebec, had given him a letter for presentation to all the priests and curies of his diocese, speaking highly of the aims of the government as embodied in their national service scheme and requesting from the clergy all possible assistance for Lieut.-Col. Chauveau in furnishing him information which he desired and on which they were best posted.

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HAS NOT HELPED
TO BRING PEACE

View of President Wilson's Intervention Generally Held in England—Question of Germany's Necessities.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The American view that the "door remains open to peace" is regarded here as correct, only with this qualification, that Germany's needs of peace are great enough to force her to abandon the attitude of the victorious knight in shining armor riding up to the postern and hammering with mallet flat a haughty demand for admission, for that of a suppliant, first with repentance and prepared to give those sanctions which the Allies deem essential for future peace.

The utility or otherwise of President Wilson's intervention, it is said here, will depend entirely upon what is admitted to be an unknown factor, that is, what is the measure of the German recognition that the prosecution of the war must inevitably bring about changes in the war situation to her detriment.

Opinion in this matter here shows many degrees of difference. On one side are the people who cherish the belief that the President must have some special information regarding Germany's necessities and about the lengths to which she is prepared to go to obtain peace. These people are in a great minority. They are chiefly found in quarters where a direct connection is seen between Ambassador Gerard's visit to America and the President's unexpected peace suggestions. Even in this camp there are some who regard with a suspicious eye such an assumed move on Germany's part.

On another side, and this is the predominant opinion, are those who accept the President's dissociation of his own note from the Central Powers' peace proposals at its face value. Among those holding this view the belief is strong that the President's intervention has not advanced the approach of deep speculation. There is little or no expectation in well-informed quarters that the matter will end there. One of the best authorities in England said yesterday:

"Developments are likely to gain rather than lose in interest. This same man, whose name would carry weight were it possible to cable it, is one of those who believe that the President's intervention has been so far barren of results."

CANADIANS GET
SHELL BUSINESS

New York Sun Says Many Contracts With U. S. Firms Have Been Cancelled Since Reserve Board's Action.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—"American manufacturers will not wait very long for munitions contracts in 1917, according to information obtained in high banking circles," declares an article in the New York Sun. Because of the increasing production abroad and in Canada, and the attitude of the federal reserve board in warning bankers against the purchase of British and French treasury bills, it was learned that more than \$10,000,000 worth of munitions contracts have been cancelled by Great Britain in the last three weeks.

"The cancellations and rejections of options have been distributed over the whole field, it was explained, so the action will not bear heavily on any particular section, but practically all of the large concerns which have gone in for manufacturing munitions since the beginning of the war have had their contracts clipped. Nearly all of these contracts have carried cancellation clauses."

The Sun declares that Great Britain has placed with Canadian manufacturers contracts for war supplies valued at between \$2,000,000 and \$400,000,000 since the reserve board's warning—contracts which originally were intended for American firms.

LIDJI CAPTURED

Deposed Emperor of Abyssinia Is Now Prisoner—German and Turkish Interests

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Despatches received yesterday describing conditions in Abyssinia said the deposed emperor, Lidji Jemsa, had been captured and his followers were being pursued and crushed. The reports mentioned the German minister and a Turkish consul as having played a part in the events which led to the upheaval last fall.

Lidji, son of the second daughter of the old Emperor Menelik, son after ascending the throne, joined with his father in an attempt to make Mohammedanism the state religion of the ancient Christian country. He was overthrown by a revolution led by churchmen, and his mother reigns.

Death of Dr. Oldright
TORONTO, Jan. 4.—Word has been received here of the death in Chicago yesterday, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Luther Whittemore, of Dr. Wm. Oldright, professor in the University of Toronto until five years ago, and one of the oldest graduates of the institution. The late Dr. Oldright, who was 74 years of age, had been seriously ill for some time.

Native of Cornwall
CORNWALL, Ont., Jan. 4.—Word has been received by relatives here of the death at Chicago of Judge Andrew Gillespie, son of the late Daniel Gillespie, of Cornwall. He passed away yesterday after only a few days' illness with pneumonia. Judge Gillespie was born in Cornwall 57 years ago.

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proceedings for \$2,250,000, the purchas-
ers assuming the liabilities of the con-
cern.

The properties—in St. John, in Maine,
Massachusetts and New York—were bid
in by Joseph A. Downs, of Hayden,
Stone & Company, bankers, of Boston,
New York and Montreal, representing a
company of stockholders and bond-
holders which will re-organize the cor-
poration.

The steamers Calvin Austin, Governor
Dingley, Governor Cobb and North Star,
of the International Division (Boston-St.
John) were among the vessels sold. The
sale also included an interest in the Bos-
ton and Tarmouth Steamship Company
amounting to \$225,000.

Director of Royal Bank

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—At a meeting of
the directors of the Royal Bank of
Canada, Chas. C. Blackader, of Halifax,
was elected a director to fill the vacancy
caused by the death of Lieut. Governor
MacKen.

Rev. Dr. Morgan to Resign

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Rev. Dr. G. Camp-
bell Morgan has announced his inten-
tion to resign the pastorate of the West-
minster Congregational Church, Buck-
ingham Gate. His retirement is due to
overwork. Dr. Morgan has been pastor
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chapel since 1904. He was born in 1852.

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which started in the third story. The
large volume of water used made a con-
siderable stock of raw material useless.
All the machinery in the attesting room
was destroyed. The loss is fairly well
covered by insurance.

Soldier Charged With Murder

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A Canadian soldier
named Ripley was remanded yesterday
at Hastings for the murder of Corporal
Algo, of a Canadian unit. It is alleged
that during a street quarrel the deposed
corporal's neck was almost severed with
a razor. Before coming to England the
two men met in a boxing match at
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THE JOHNSON STREET BRIDGE.

Both the Mayorality candidates declare themselves favorably to the immediate construction of the Johnson Street bridge. Unfortunately the record of Mr. Todd in that connection does not encourage the hope that his efforts are likely to be productive of success. As we have taken occasion to point out on a former occasion, the alderman seems to regard that work as a matter of his private business, and the published correspondence shows that he assumes altogether too much authority in the premises. The project was in very good shape last summer, when the Government, at the request of the City Council, took it over, but it is the simple truth that since Alderman Todd was made chairman of the civil harbor committee, the differences between the parties to the negotiations have been steadily growing wider.

Alderman Porter has made a suggestion which most people will think a good one. It is that if a speedy agreement cannot be reached by consultation between the parties interested, the Board of Railway Commissioners shall be asked to intervene. We believe a solution will be found more quickly in that way than in any other. The board is an impartial body and its decisions and recommendations have given universal satisfaction. We do not suppose Alderman Porter means that the city shall surrender its right to decide finally what shall be done, but only that the board shall be asked to intervene to see that the railway companies do what may rightfully be expected of them.

QUEBEC AND THE WAR.

In the Toronto Star, that has just come to hand, is a Montreal dispatch which, though written from a different point of view from the article in yesterday's Colonist dealing with the attitude of Quebec towards the war, substantiates what is therein said in a notable way. The Star's correspondent is disposed to be sympathetic towards Quebec and we think he rather goes out of his way in an endeavor to place responsibility upon Sir Robert Borden and Mr. Bennett and the latter especially. As Mr. Bennett has only occupied his present office of Director of National Service for a short time, we are, at a loss to see how he can be charged with having assisted in bringing about the apathetic attitude of the Quebec people. To our way of thinking the case is altogether too serious to be treated from the standpoint of personal politics.

The Star's correspondent takes a similar view to that of the Colonist in respect to the special concessions granted to Quebec after the conquest. He says that the "French-Canadians" have developed a keener sense for grievance and inconsiderate treatment, and have been disposed to feel that they have been recipients of favors from an alien and therefore superior race. If this is the attitude of French-speaking Canada towards English-speaking Canada after a century and a half of union, it seems to us that something else than a recruiting campaign is very urgently needed.

The correspondent says the apathy towards the war arises out of ignorance and from a belief that Canadians are being used simply as a screen for British troops in the field. If this is true, we fancy investigation would disclose that German influence has been successfully exercised to keep the facts from reaching the people. But granting the existence of the ignorance referred to, whose fault is it that the people are not better informed? Surely not that of the English-speaking population. The French-Canadians have their own guides and leaders of thought. We have not observed that on subjects touching their exceptional privileges there has ever been any difficulty in awakening them to any line of action. Why has there been no awakening on the vital question involved in Canada's part in the war? We commend this question to the consideration of the apologetes for Quebec.

We quote from the Star's correspondent: "The trouble with you," said an Ontario lawyer to one of his Montreal friends here, "is that you are not a Canadian Nationalist at all, but a Quebec provincialist. You are always thinking of the Province of Quebec and its people being put in wrong by other provinces. You make more of our mistakes, which are mainly due to ignorance, than you do of your chances to display your equality with us before the law and before the world."

It is easy to detect signs that the force of this rather unexpected statement of the French case is being apprehended by thinkers in this country (Montreal). This week one has met much recognition of this view—that whatever the wisdom of going into the

Unlimited war or of the pledge of half a million men for its prosecution, we are in the fight to redeem civilization, we are leading the free democracies of the New World, and, there being no doubt as to the righteousness of the cause against German militarism, we are now to prove whether we will hold our head high as a nation which keeps its word by keeping its armies in undiminished strength, or whether we are to hang our head like half-hearted provincial helpers of a superior power, and to announce to the world that we do not want to go the distance that we ourselves have marked. In the crisis which is upon us, the most decisive voice is Quebec's.

This is well and strongly put, and we hope it is true. We hope the leaders of the people of Quebec are awakening to their duty and that there will be proof forthcoming that there is actually a new sentiment making itself felt. But there is only one proof that will be conclusive. Since the war began 222,955 men have enlisted in Canada. Of these 46,710 were recruited in the military districts of Montreal and Quebec, or a little more than one-tenth. But the province of Quebec contains nearly one-third of the population of Canada. More noteworthy still is the fact that of the 222,955 only 7,729 were recruited in the Quebec district, which is the centre of perhaps more than half the population of the province. Of the 32,990, who enlisted in Montreal a very large proportion were not French-Canadians. Assuming for the sake of the argument that the population of the Quebec district is 1,000,000, the striking fact emerges that if this, the real headquarters of French Canada, had responded to the call to arms as British Columbia did, there would have been more than 75,000 enlistments in that district alone, or ten times as many as there have been, and if the whole province had responded in the same proportion, the list would have reached nearly 200,000. These figures are eloquent. The only satisfactory reply to the argument based upon them is a rally to the colors by the people of Quebec.

THE ARMENIAN MASSACRE.

In the press of other matters most of us have failed to take note of the awful crimes perpetrated by the Turks in Armenia. Viscount Bryce has collected much information on the subject, which has been printed in a Blue Book. We do not suppose such a tale was ever told before. Horrible as it is, the people of this country ought to know something about it for two reasons. The knowledge will inspire them to go to the relief of the survivors of this unhappy race, and Canadians will be the better able to judge of the nature of the issue which is being tried out by our troops. The slaughter of the Armenians has been with the connivance of Germany, and neither the United States nor any other neutral power has seen fit to enter a word of protest. We shall not go greatly into particulars, but may mention some of the means taken by these ruthless allies of Germany to exterminate a people. Great barge loads of Armenians were embarked on the Tigris and the Black Sea, and when night came were drowned. At one point on the Euphrates there was a sort of receiving station for Armenians who had been driven from their homes. Every night the arrivals of the previous day were taken out and drowned. A German observer tells of what took place in the town of Mush, which had a population of 25,000 Armenians. The men were told to register and depart from the town, but to leave behind them the women and children. Scarcely had the order been given than Turkish soldiers began to shoot down every person on sight, and to set fire to the houses. The German narrator said he could not stand the screams of the children as they burned to death, and when he remonstrated with the Turkish commander and asked that the little ones might be spared, the reply was: "They must perish with their nation." Here is an account of other horrors:

In Harput and Mesre people have had to endure terrible tortures. They have had their eyeballs plucked out, their breasts cut off, their nails torn out, their torturers hew off their feet or else hammer nails into them just as they do in shoeing horses. This is all done at night, and in order that the people may not hear their screams and know of their agony soldiers are stationed round the prisons, beating drums and blowing whistles. It is needless to relate that many died of these tortures. When they die the soldiers cry, "Now let your Christ help you."

We are told that in many parts of the country the men were summoned to meet and prepare for a march to another place. As soon as they reached a lonely part of the road they were deliberately slain to a man. Then the women and children were told to get ready to follow the men, and what occurred is thus related:

The passages of rivers, and especially of the Euphrates, was always an occasion of wholesale murder. Women and children were driven into the water, and were shot as they struggled, if they seemed likely to reach the further bank. The lust and covetousness of their tormentors had no limit. The last survivors often staggered into Aleppo naked; every shred of their clothing had been torn from them on the way. Witnesses who saw their arrival remark that there was not one young or pretty face to be seen among them, and there was assuredly none surviving that was truly old—except in so far as it had been aged by suffering. The only chance to survive was to be plain enough to escape their torturers' lust, and vigorous enough to bear the fatigues of the road.

It seems incredible that such atrocities could have happened without a word of protest from Turkey's so-called "Christian allies" or from neutral Christian nations.

A Washington, D.C., dispatch says that the United States Government proposes to boom the black cod of the Northwest Coast in the markets of the East. It might not be unwise as a start to boom it out in this part of the world. The black cod is really a better fish than either the salmon or the halibut for consumption when fresh or smoked. It is excellent when salted, which the other fish named are not.

The proper utilization of our fisheries is a matter calling for serious and prompt attention. It is to be brought under the attention of the Dominion Government. When Sir Robert Borden was in the city recently the Board of Trade made certain representations to him and among them was one relating to the fisheries in connection with furnishing employment to returned soldiers. He asked for detailed information on the subject and Mr. H. B. Thompson, who was instrumental in bringing the subject forward, has been requested by the board and has consented to prepare a full memorandum on it to be forwarded to the Prime Minister, who will place it before the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Sir Robert drew the attention of the board to the fact that he is not an executive member of the administration, and that questions requiring departmental action would have to be referred by him to the proper quarter, but he expressed his desire to advance the consideration of all such matters, and hence asked that the representations should be sent to him. In our news columns will be found a reference to this matter and a brief outline is given of the general nature of the suggestions that Mr. Thompson will elaborate in his memorandum.

COMMENDABLE ACTIVITY.

The gentlemen constituting the Graving Dock Committee recently formed in Esquimalt are to be congratulated upon their activity. They have introduced a new feature into the discussion by pointing out that the provision in the Terms of Union under which British Columbia entered Confederation contemplated that adequate dockage should be maintained at Esquimalt, and that the present dock, though adequate at the time it was built, is very insufficient for the requirements of naval or commercial purposes at the present time. We think the point is well taken. The clear intention of the representatives of British Columbia, who negotiated the Terms, was not only that a dry dock should be built at Esquimalt, but that dockage facilities equal to the requirements of the Coast should always be maintained there.

The action of the Committee is very timely, because it synchronizes with that of the Board of Trade, which at the request of Sir Robert Borden is preparing a memorandum on the subject to be forwarded to Ottawa. This memorandum will be drafted by Mr. F. A. Pauline, who has been Chairman of the Board's Harbor and Navigation Committee for some ten years, and who is very familiar with the whole subject. We note that the City Council has been asked by the Esquimalt committee to co-operate in the movement. This it doubtless will do.

T.S.K. The lines you refer to have already been printed in The Colonist. See issue of the 3rd inst., page 4, column 7.

For the present it seems as if Col. Roosevelt might be trusted to say everything which the exigencies of the case require so far as President Wilson is concerned.

Prime Minister Hughes, of Australia, is not going to the Imperial Conference. We can hardly blame him. This seems to be a good time for gentlemen of the name of Hughes to sit pretty tight upon what they have.

Just now Germany and Austria seem to have a monopoly of the talking. They keep on telling the world that they have beaten the Allies to a frazzle. You remember what Napoleon said of the English: "These English; they never know when they are beaten."

We do not wish to appear hypercritical, but in view of the celebrity with which President Wilson has disposed of Villa, we venture the opinion that it may take him some time by his unaided efforts to dispose of the unpleasantness now existing in Europe.

They know how to do things in Hamilton, Ont. The Spectator of that burg tells of a "very pretty wedding" that took place, in which the high contracting parties were Miss Jessie Rose Harrison and Mr. Arthur Norman Hill. It must have been very pretty, for "the groom wore the customary veil, which was attractively caught up with orange blossoms and seed pearls, and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley." A very charming innovation, but we doubt if it will become popular.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The wedding of Mr. Herbert Paine and Miss Harriet Nash, both of this city, took place in St. Johns Church on Tuesday evening in the presence of a few friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, rector of St. John's Church.

Miss M. Graham, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. F. J. Graham, of Colwood, the past week, left for Seattle yesterday.

Miss Mabel Hill and daughter, of Helena, Montana, are spending the winter months with Mrs. R. R. Switzer, of Bank Street.

Mr. Frank Burnett, of Vancouver, after spending several days in this city visiting friends, has returned home.

Mr. J. A. MacDonald, after spending the past week in Vancouver as the guest of Mrs. Gordon G. McBain, passed through here en route to his home in Nanaimo.

Mrs. E. Boyer and Mr. Boyer, of Willow Point, are spending several days visiting Victoria and Vancouver en route to the coast.

Mr. W. Brown, of this city, left yesterday via Seattle for San Francisco, where he will spend several weeks before proceeding to Honolulu to spend the rest of the winter months.

Mrs. O. E. Robbins, of Cleveland, Ohio, is a visitor in Victoria for a few days en route to California to spend the winter months.

Mr. H. F. McMahon, of Toronto, after spending a number of weeks visiting Victoria and Vancouver on business, has left en route home via Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gibbon, of Penikese, have been visiting the Coast city for a short vacation.

Mr. E. Gardner Smith and daughter are in the city from Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Derick, of Summerland, B.C., have been among the holiday visitors to this city for a few days.

Mrs. A. D. McAllister, with her daughter, after spending the New Year's holiday as the guest of her mother, Dr. Helen E. Ryan, has returned home.

Mr. A. J. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, of Winnipeg, are visitors in Victoria for a short time en route to California, where they will spend a short holiday.

Mrs. Joseph Snapp, after spending the past two months visiting friends in Spokane and Portland, passed on a short time in this city en route to her home in Prince George.

Miss Moule and Miss Louise Moule, of Vernon, are spending several weeks visiting friends in Victoria and Vancouver.

Miss Andrea Fiqueneisel, of Vancouver, is spending a short vacation in Victoria with her aunt, Mrs. M. Thompson.

Mrs. E. J. Newman, of Kelowna, who has been spending a few days in Vancouver visiting friends, has arrived in this city will be the guest of Mrs. George A. Slade.

Miss Gertrude Bellamy, of Kamloops, after spending the past week visiting relatives and friends in Victoria and Vancouver, has returned home.

Mrs. Marpole, of Vancouver, is spending a few days with her parents, Col. and Mrs. Holmes, who intend to leave shortly for the south.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Storey, of Calgary, who have been spending the past three weeks visiting the Coast cities, have left for Los Angeles.

Mr. William Davey, of Saskatoon, Sask., arrived from the east yesterday, and expects to spend several weeks in Victoria visiting friends.

Mr. H. Riley, of Willows, Sask., after spending a short holiday in Victoria, has left for California, where he will spend the winter months.

Mr. H. H. Cunningham, of New Westminster, after a short visit to Victoria, has left for home.

Mrs. C. H. Hinton and son have arrived in Victoria from San Diego to spend the winter months visiting Victoria, Vancouver and other Coast cities.

Mrs. Fletcher and Miss J. Fletcher, of Vancouver, returned home on Wednesday afternoon, after having spent the New Year's holidays with Col. and Mrs. Peters.

Lieut. and Mrs. Quinlan, of Kamloops, after spending a few days in Victoria, have returned home.

Mr. D. E. Rice, of Seattle, who has been visiting friends in this city for the past few days, has returned home.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Disillusioned
Sir Wilfrid Laurier once started to learn to play the flute.

One day, however, a canvasser called on him with a new type of gramophone which he wanted him to buy.

"I have a blank cylinder here, Sir Wilfrid, if you'd like to hear yourself speak or sing," he remarked.

The ex-premier was tempted. "A—e—h, I don't sing, he observed, "but producing the flute—if you don't mind."

The canvasser appeared to be only too happy, and the next minute the ex-premier was waxing rapt in the face in an attempt to pour "Alice, where art thou?" into the receiving hopper.

"You're observed," he remarked, "five minutes later, as the machine whirled out a reproduction of the flute solo, 'that's exceptionally good.'"

"Is that really like the original?" enquired Sir Wilfrid.

"Well, your eye shot, sir, you couldn't tell one from the other. Will you buy the gramophone?"

"No," said Sir Wilfrid sadly. "I'll sell the flute."—Toronto Mail and Empire.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY.

Chamber of Commerce.—At the regular meeting of this body, held yesterday, a committee was appointed to draft a modified tariff to be forwarded to Governor Seymour, agreeable to the suggestion of His Excellency.

The Cedar Hill school has been closed, the average daily attendance of school being less than twelve—the number required by law to authorize the Board of Education in maintaining a separate establishment. The loss will be severely felt, both by the desecrating teacher and by those parents whose children are now "running at large" in the district.

PRESS COMMENT.

Electric Smelting
The Department of Mines, in an estimate of the steel production of Canada in 1916, puts the total at 1,454,000 short tons, an increase of some 45 per cent over the figures of 1915. It is added that during the present year over 42,000 tons of steel ingots and castings came from electric furnaces. Electric smelting has long been known to be a scientific possibility. In Sweden, where much attention was given to experiments, it was gradually developed into a commercial possibility. The record in Canada now announced suggests that the same may have been reached.—Montreal Gazette.

The Imperial Conference
This may bring with it the beginning of a system of Imperial Federation. It is characteristic of the English-Saxon race not to be hampered by mere theory or regard for symmetry in constitutional development. Circumstances determine everything. But eventually, out of circumstances, must be evolved some co-ordination and co-operation as will make of the British Empire one highly organized whole, safeguarding and illuminating the world.—Hamilton Spectator.

National Service.
The whole nation must be organized. We must follow the course of the Central Empires and the course of our great Allies. National mobilization means the earlier overthrow of the enemy. It will submit to no such terms as those we offer to him until he is crushed. No other terms will guarantee the peace of the world. The issue is one of success or failure—victory or an inconclusive peace. The Prussian spirit must be destroyed. It will not be destroyed unless the Dominion is brought into the United Kingdom and the Allies bring all their might to bear. Our way is clear before us. The Government asks for national registration. By that registration, city will judge city, province will judge province, West will judge East, and East will judge the world. The Government calls upon the people in a critical year. It realizes the grave necessity of events. The National Service cards must be signed.—Toronto News.

A Natural Evolution.
Up to the time of the present war, however, the summons of a colonial statesman to the Privy Council was an honorary distinction that did not involve his being called to advise the Sovereign. Sir Robert Borden, who in his Premier's office has given the distinction, was the first holder of a Ministerial office in a colony to sit in the Cabinet of the United Kingdom, and there, with the Ministers of the United Kingdom, deliberate on affairs of the highest importance to the state. The evolution is going on quietly and naturally.—Montreal Gazette.

The New Brotherhood.
One wonders sometimes how it will all end; if this new brotherliness is but a transient feature of life, or one that many endure. Are we to lose all our new friends with the advent of peace, or have we forever shaken off the old trammels of jealousy and unworthy suspicion? It is possible that we are now witnessing the birth pangs of a new brotherhood, as yet undreamed of. Future generations will be able to tell, but for the time being, we cannot believe that we shall ever slide back into quite the same old ruts of mutual distrust and suspicion; that all the suffering and heroism of the past few months has gone for nothing, if we choose to give it no other name. It is in the hands of the world's workers today to be welded as they will.—The Englishwoman.

Mercier's Fealties.
If it were only on the ears of Belgium in his country, the Cardinal Mercier's words of protest had fallen it might profit Germany to take harsh measures against him. But in his appeals for justice to Belgium the fearless Primate has had the whole civilized world for an audience. No German minister of state could suppress the fact that Brussels can undo the harm he has caused to Germany. His voice has carried far beyond the reach of any control they can exercise, and aroused sympathy for Belgium and indignation against Germany which the German authorities had no means to suppress. To impose upon him the rule of silence, to immerse him in his palace or to deny him freedom of intercourse with his people as their spiritual leader will only be to proclaim to the outside world the force of his accusations.—New York World.

The Example of the U. S.
It has been claimed by some English newspaper writers that Germany should be punished for her crime against humanity. It is not the business of other nations to judge and punish a sovereign nation. Judgment and punishment may be left to God. The example of the United States may be pointed to as one which worked well and is worth following. The North made no attempt to punish the South, or even the leaders of the Southern revolt. But it is the duty of the United States to see that it will forever make it impossible for any man to follow the example of Frederick the Great or Napoleon will ever inflict another such tragedy on Europe as the war of 1914. Justice and mercy unite in demanding that that protection for future generations be assured. Peace without that assurance, would be more terrible than war.—The Outlook (New York).

The Language of Sympathy.
"The wearing of the khaki" has brought about many changes in our social system. A few days ago an English "Tommy," on leave, lost his way among the Welsh hills, where he had gone to visit some relatives. He arrived at a lonely mountain cottage at about ten o'clock or a wet night. On applying for shelter he found the only occupant to be an old lady, who "had no English."

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NEW YEAR MESSAGES.

Replies Received From Emperor of Japan, Viceroy of India and Governor of South Africa
OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—The following replies to the New Year messages sent from Canada have been received: From His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan to the Governor-General: "Tokio, Jan. 3, 1917.—His Majesty the Emperor has received with deep satisfaction your telegram of seasonable greetings on behalf of the Government of Canada, and commands me to express to Your Grace his sincere acknowledgments. The appreciation by the Canadian people of the attitude of Japan as a faithful ally of the British Empire is a very welcome and highly valued. The Emperor is convinced that the efforts in which Canada is so nobly participating will result in permanent benefit to the world. "GOTONO."

From the Viceroy of India: "Viceroys' Camp, Barrackpore, Jan. 3.—On behalf of the Government and people of India, I thank you for the good wishes and for the gracious message of appreciation which you convey. In the effort and sacrifices which lie before us peace can come, India will be found to be side by side with Canada, which could have played so glorious a part in defending the Empire. "VICEROY."

From the Governor-General of South Africa: "Pretoria, Jan. 3.—Your telegram first January, 1917, requested to convey thanks of the Government of the Union of South Africa to the people and Government of Canada for their kind greetings, which are heartily reciprocated. "BUXTON."

Exchange of Civilians.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The War Office gave out tonight the correspondence between the American Ambassador Walter Hines Page and the German and British Governments, showing that the protracted negotiations for exchange of all interned male civilians over 40 years have been concluded.

VANCOUVER ISLAND.

NANAIMO.

The death occurred on Wednesday morning of Miss Jennie Buchanan Archibald, Craig Street, Fairview, aged 44 years. The deceased was a native of Glasgow and had been a resident of Nanaimo for the past six years. She leaves to mourn her loss, her mother, Mrs. George Vipond, of Nanaimo, three brothers, William, John and George, all of Nanaimo, and four sisters, Mrs. John Haddow, Mrs. Andrew Haddow and Mrs. Creighton of Nanaimo, and Mrs. Armstrong, of Australia. The funeral will take place from the family residence on Craig Street, this afternoon. The Rev. Frank Hardy will officiate.

The wedding of Mary, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stewart, Kennedy Street, Nanaimo, and Mr. Frank Cowley, of Alberni, took place Wednesday morning at the Nanaimo Presbyterian Church. The bride entered the church with her father, who gave her away, and was assisted by her two sisters, Ruth and Minnie, as bridesmaids, the bridegroom being supported by his brother, Harry. The bride wore a white silk crepe de Chine dress trimmed with lace and fur, and wore the regulation bridal veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of cymathecium and carnations. After the ceremony the bride's parents from the home of the bride's parents from the wedding breakfast, and afterwards the young couple will take up their residence. Mr. and Mrs. Cowley were the recipients of many beautiful wedding presents.

Dealing with the appointment of Mr. Parker Williams, member for Newcastle in the Provincial Legislature, to the Workmen's Compensation Board, The Nanaimo Herald says, editorially: "The labor men of Victoria are not satisfied with the appointment of Parker Williams to the compensation board. There is, it is said, some disposition to question Mr. Williams' professions that he is friendly to labor. Whether this is merely the whisperings of envy we cannot say, but it is a curious epitaph for Mr. Williams after thirteen years of public service avowedly in the interests of labor. At the same time it is hardly likely that these murmurs will disturb the serenity of Mr. Williams. Political gratitude is a short-lived plant in the west. An idol one day, the same man is a renegade the next. Hawthornthwaite, Smith

QUALICUM BEACH.

A general meeting of qualified ratepayers of Qualicum Beach has been called for January 13 to elect two school board trustees to take the place of Trustees Whitmore and Secretary Fousford, who have both resigned.

At a well attended meeting of the

Alberni District Central Conservative Association at Alberni last week, at which Mr. R. B. Boyd represented the Qualicum Beach Conservative Association, it was decided to divide the Central Association into two sections, one to represent the Alberni and West Coast region, and another representing the district on the eastern side of the mountain, including the Qualicum, Parksville, the Qualicum, Millers and Combs. A joint meeting of these district associations has been called for January 13, to discuss this new arrangement and to formulate the necessary procedure caused by the change.

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A letter received from Matron Fred-
erica Wilson, of No. 5 Canadian Gen-
eral Hospital, Salonica, commanded by
Lieut.-Col. E. C. Hart, C.M.G., states
that since last Spring the staff at the
hospital has been steadily busy, and
that the hospital capacity has been in-
creased from 1,040 to 1,700 from May to
September. The hospital has treated,
in all, 18,000 patients since being es-
tablished at Salonica.

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The 142nd Battalion, B. C. Bantams, held a route march through the streets of the city yesterday afternoon at practically full strength, led by Lieut.-Col. A. Bruce Powley, commanding officer. The battalion presented an exceptionally smart appearance, and its showing greatly impressed the spectators. The Bantams are now ready to go overseas at the shortest notice, and are daily awaiting their marching orders.

DESCRIBES HORROR

OF GERMAN PRISON

Victoria Officer Writes of in-
terview With French Doctor,
Former Inmate at Witten-
berg Camp.

First-hand information as to the real conditions which prevailed at Wittenberg prison camp was recently obtained by a well known Victoria officer in the course of an interview with a French doctor, who had been ex-
changed back after spending "many months at that place, the administra-
tion of which has been characterized as Germany's crowning outrage against civilization."

While admitting that British prisoners have been, on the whole, receiving gifts from outside with fair regularity, the doctor pointed out that it was absolutely a necessity to continue sending such supplies, through authorized channels, as the German food shortage will naturally effect the prisoners of war far more seriously than any other class of residents within Teuton territory.

As to the description of Wittenberg itself, there are details given regarding the treatment of prisoners even too sordid for publication. The interview, in part, follows:

"The general public are by now fairly well acquainted with the sad fate of those who have had the misfortune of falling into the hands of the Hun. Yet among the various horrors in which our soldiers are penned, the Wittenberg camp might easily carry off the prize in a competition of 'frightfulness.' Flogging, tying to a post for trifling offences and the known forms of punishment in German camps and have often been described. The G.O.C. of the Wittenberg camp resorts to them with the greatest of liberality and the usual consequences to the victims."

"Confinement to the dark cell must also have appealed strongly to this sinister old degenerate, judging from the way he had improved this show form of torture. The prisoners sentenced to confinement had to live for the first three days on a diet of bread and water, after which they were entitled to a daily ration of two pints of broth."

"The Alert"
"But the Camp Commandant's originality lay in devising and enforcing the frequent use of a specifically military form of punishment called 'The Alert.' For reasons generally mysterious to the prisoners, the sentries would blow a shrill whistle and within ten minutes everybody had to be indoors. Anybody seen walking about, even looking out of a window, was liable to be shot. In many cases volleys were fired at random, bullets went through the thin partitions of the huts, killing or grievously wounding men who were only guilty of having done their duty to their country. One day a weak-minded civilian happened to walk past a sentry when the 'Alert' signal was given. He politely raised his hat to the soldier, who fired at him. Several doctors rushed out with a stretcher to carry him in, but were immediately fired on and had to seek cover indoors to save their lives. The G.O.C. revelled in these man-hunting scenes, which he witnessed from a safe distance. The General Officer had, no doubt, his full share of responsibility in a more refined and scientific method of doing away with the wicked foreigners who had plotted Germany's downfall."

"In Wittenberg camp were all sorts of prisoners—French, Belgian, Russian and British—and among them were numerous cases of typhus. In spite of the doctors' pressing and repeated requests and appeals they were carefully mixed up with their other sufferers with a deliberate view of spreading the epidemic. When the G.O.C. was asked if a special ward could not be allotted to the men infected, he answered, 'This is my fashion of waging war; I consider it my duty to get rid of as many prisoners as I can.'"

"The apostle of Kultur succeeded beyond the limits of what might have reasonably anticipated. Out of 15,000 prisoners, 2,500 died. Needless to say, directly the epidemic broke out, jailors and German doctors fled to the nearest town, generously permitting the enemy confederates to wrestle with the terrible scourge. A few sentries were left in charge, some of whom died from want of medical attention. Scanty supplies were either thrown over the fence surrounding the camp, or sent in by means of huge slides. A telephone was the only connecting link between the camp and the German authorities to whom the medical officers vainly applied for analgesic stores. Neither bedding nor clothing could be had for the patients who were lying on filthy straw mattresses, wrapped up stark naked in thin blankets."

"And yet, however appalling life must have been in camp at that time, when the epidemic showed signs of return of the Germans was contemplated, the prisoners looked back regretfully to the dark days they had gone through."

"The two or three items of the prisoners' menu are well known. For the past few months parcels have, on the whole, been reaching their destinations safely, although, even now, the Russians seldom if ever get theirs and escape starvation only by the kindness of their French and British comrades. There were, however, regular fights around the tubs in which the soup or stew was brought, and the orderly was forced to use his lads as a weapon to hold in check the starving crowd. In these scuffles many were injured. Men were seen actually kicking the tubs; others licking the ground on which some soup had spilled."

Became Walking Skeletons

"Such a regime soon told upon the strongest constitutions. The men became walking skeletons, their muscles fast becoming atrophied. When wounded, however slightly, they became a ready prey to strange infectious diseases, whilst their number was steadily decimated by tuberculosis."

"There is not the slightest doubt that Germany intends to do away with as many of our men as she possibly can, to exchange or send home the remainder as hopelessly damaged as lies in her practically uncontrolled power, and to enjoy herself 'voluntarily' in the process."

"One thing that must be done for the prisoners is to send parcels to them. Until further notice—F. L. Haynes will carry on business as usual at 1134 Government Street. His numerous customers will be notified through the press as soon as new premises have been located."

them through the Red Cross, or some other authorized society. Canada has a great many of her sons, prisoners of war, in these camps, and they should not be overlooked as with greater shortage of food in Germany, naturally the prisoners' rations are the first to be cut down."

CARIBOO OFFICER RETURNS FROM FRONT

Though Seriously Wounded, Lieut. G. Cochrane Is Looking Forward to Going Back to Battlefield

With his right arm in a sling, the result of a piece of shrapnel hitting him, and a bullet wound in the left jaw, Lieut. G. Cochrane, of Cariboo, is back on the Coast and will report in the customary manner at Work Point before returning to his home in the interior. He is a native of the Cariboo district and owns a ranch near the Seventy-Mile House. Despite his wounds, he is looking forward to the time when he can start on the journey back to the front.

Thirteen months ago the call of the Empire came to Lieut. Cochrane and he joined up with the 47th Battalion under Lieut.-Col. W. N. Winsby, of Victoria. He was given the rank of company sergeant-major and when, upon reaching England, he found that it was impossible to get to the trenches while occupying that post, he re-enlisted as a private in order to get into the fighting line without delay. He was transferred to the old 7th Battalion and subsequently took out a commission in that unit, taking part in many of the big fights of which the 7th had its share.

It was not until the final phase of the fighting along the Somme, at Courcellette, that he was put hors du combat. He was hit during a charge last September.

FLIGHT-LIEUT. W. FATT

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Son of Victoria Clergyman
Falls While Practising in
South of England—Joined
50th Here.



—Photo by Gibson.
FLIGHT-LIEUT. W. M. FATT

Rev. F. H. Fatt, of 344 Simcoe Street, yesterday received a cablegram bearing the sad news that his son, Flight-Lieut. William M. Fatt, has been accidentally killed while trying out a machine in the south of England.

Lieut. Fatt has many friends in Victoria and the news of his death will cause much sorrow. He was only 24 years of age and a native of California, having come here with his parents some years ago. His wife and two small children left here only a short time ago to join him in the Old Country. Besides his father and his mother, there is a sister living here, while his only brother is away with the 62nd Battery of the 15th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery.

The young officer was well known in local printing circles, having at one time worked for The Colonist. At the time of his departure he was in the printing department at the Government Buildings. He joined the 50th Gordon Highlanders on its formation and became a sergeant in the signalling corps of that unit. When war broke out he took out a commission at Work Point and went away in the Fall of 1915 in charge of a draft for the Cyclist Corps at Ottawa. He subsequently went across to England after a period of training in the East, and was at the front for some time. Upon his return to England he entered the Royal Flying Corps and he has practically finished his course in aviation when he met his death.

Other than that he was accidentally killed while carrying out a practice flight no more specific information has been received as to the circumstances under which the young aviator lost his life. Further particulars are being anxiously awaited.

LOCAL NAMES ARE AMONG CASUALTIES

Pte. Robert Corbett and Pte.
W. J. Carter Have Not Been
Heard From—Pte. David
Sloan Recovering.

Reports received here yesterday state that Pte. W. J. Carter, of Victoria, is missing, and that Pte. David Sloan, previously wounded, is now rapidly recovering from his injuries. All are well known local soldiers.

Pte. Robert Henry Corbett, wounded and missing, is a brother of Mr. E. Corbett, former pressman of The Times, who lives at 1322 George street. According to the telegram announcing the casualty, he has been wounded and missing since October 8, when many other Canadians were lost. He went from here with a Royal Canadian Regiment draft, and, after spending some time with the garrison at Bermuda, went to France.

Pte. W. J. Carter, missing, is a son of Mrs. W. J. Carter, of 2917 Quadra Street, wife of Sergt. W. Harper, of the Victoria Police Force. Before the war

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TABLE No. 1—Corset Covers—Lace and embroidery trimmed. Regular 45c and 50c. Sale, 35c; three for \$1.00	TABLE No. 4—Drawers, Corset Covers and Nightgowns—All lace and embroidery trimmed. Regular \$1.00. Sale Price 75c
TABLE No. 2—Corset Covers and Drawers—Lace and embroidery trimmed. Regular 75c. Sale Price, 50c	TABLE No. 5—Nightgowns, Corset Covers, Drawers, Combinations and Chemises—Lace and embroidery trimmed. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50. Sale Price \$1.00
TABLE No. 3—Corset Covers, Drawers and Chemises—Lace and embroidery trimmed. Regular 75c and 85c. Sale Price 65c	TABLE No. 6—Ladies' Brassieres—In plain and fancy styles, with front or back fastenings. Regular 75c and 85c. Sale Price 65c

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Suits up to \$20.00, Sale Price \$10.00	Suits from \$40.00 to \$45.00, Sale Price, \$20.00
Suits up to \$25.00, Sale Price \$12.00	Suits from \$50.00 to \$60.00, Sale Price, \$20.00
Suits from \$25.00 to \$30.00, Sale Price, \$15.00	Suits from \$60.00 to \$75.00, Sale Price, \$30.00
Suits from \$75.00 to \$100.00, Sale Price \$35.00	

Big Reductions in Coat Prices

The Coats are mostly Broadcloths, Gaberdines, Cheviots, Meltons, Serges and Striped Veilour effects. All exclusive designs.

Coats valued at \$15.00, Sale Price \$8.00	Coats valued at \$45.00, Sale Price \$20.00
Coats valued at \$20.00 and \$22.00, Sale Price, each \$10.00	Coats valued at \$50.00 and \$55.00, Sale Price, each \$25.00
Coats valued at \$25.00, Sale Price \$12.00	Coats valued at \$100.00, Sale Price \$49.00

January Sale Bargains on the First Floor

Ladies' Waists—In embroidered voiles, with collars and cuffs lace trimmed. Regular to \$2.25. Sale Price \$1.35
Ladies' Waists—In Jap silk and embroidered voiles. Regular to \$2.75. Sale Price, \$1.95
Ladies' Waists—In Jap silk and voiles. Regular to \$3.75. Sale Price \$2.75
Ladies' Waists—In heavy Jap silk in white, pink and maize. Regular to \$4.75. Sale Price \$3.50
Ladies' House Dresses in striped and plaid ginghams, all sizes. Reg. \$1.50 and \$1.25. Special at \$1.00
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Gong's or Symington's Soup, all kinds, 1 qt.	4c	Fine Juicy Lemons Per doz.	17c
Nice Pure Coffee Fresh ground, per lb.	25c	Finest Quality Strawberry Jam, 4-lb. pail	69c
Mixed Peel—Orange, Citron and Lemon, cut ready for use, per lb.	25c	People's Tea (better than most three pounds for \$1 tea), our price, per pound	30c
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As was anticipated, immediately following the close of the holidays there was an impetus to recruiting for the overseas draft for the Ammunition Column, with the result that only about fifteen more men are wanted to bring this unit up to full strength. There are indications that, as soon as the draft can muster 65 men it will receive marching orders and proceed direct to Montreal, where the second period of training will begin.

At Montreal the draft will become part of No. 4 Section of the Divisional Ammunition Column, which is commanded by Lieut.-Col. Crowther. The training in Eastern Canada will not take long, and the whole unit should be on its way to England before many weeks.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the draft will parade through the streets of the city, led by its commanding officer, Lieut. G. M. Irwin. There will be a squad of men from the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., in the procession, together with a gun-carriage and horses. The soldiers will leave the new Drill Hall, Bay Street, and during the course of the parade will pass along all the principal downtown streets.

Men to fill the existing vacancies in the draft are urgently required, and prospective recruits should apply at the quarters at Willows Camp.

Lieut. R. F. Williams, formerly of 159th Rockland Avenue, who left British Columbia with the 23rd Railway Construction Corps, mobilized at Stewart, writes that the unit reached Liverpool on December 23.

Messrs. E. O. Copas and Louis L. Grant, two popular young Victorians, have both passed the tests for entrance into the Royal Flying Corps and are expected to leave shortly for England to undergo active training.

Ptes. D. F. McIvor and G. C. Smith, suffering from injuries that have rendered them unfit for further service, returned to the city yesterday and reported at the Esquimalt Military Convalescent Hospital.

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Gong's Soups. All kinds, 6 for...	25c	Christie's Snowflake Wafers. Reg. 17c. Special...	25c
Family or Minto Sodas. Large pkts. Special...	24c	Genuine Macaroni. 3 lbs.	19c
Fancy Biscuits, fresh from the ovens. Reg. 25c. Special, per lb.	21c	Eucalyptus Oil. Reg. 25c bottles...	20c
Java Table Syrup. Large cans...	35c	Syrup of White Pine. Reg. 25c bottles...	20c
Red Seal Orange Marmalade, 2 jars...	25c	Hydrogen Peroxide. Reg. 25c bottles...	20c
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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Is Secretary to Minister. Mr. M. Meyers, formerly of Victoria, but for sometime past accountant with a lumber concern at Cranbrook, has been appointed private secretary for Hon. Dr. King, Minister of Public Works, and has commenced his new duties.

Witness Success. Judgment for \$246.10 was given to H. M. Fullerton in the County Court yesterday by Mr. Justice Lammiman in the case of Fullerton vs. Rutherford. The action was defended by Mr. Henry C. Hall.

Unsub. Road Tax. At a meeting of Ward Five Conservatives at Vancouver a resolution was passed in opposition to any relaxation in the regulations governing the admission of Chinese immigrants to Canada, as desired by the trade commission.

Comfort Bag Subscriptions.—In the cash receipts for comfort bags received by the Red Cross Society published on the 3rd inst. Mrs. Von Rosenfeldt has received credit for \$7 and Miss Jessie Widowsdon 28 cents. Mrs. Abbey's committee turned in \$12 instead of \$4 as shown.

New Women's Institute.—The Okanagan Centre and Woods Lake Women's Institute has been incorporated under the provisions of the Agricultural Act, its sphere of activity being defined by the Provincial Gazette as the South Okanagan Riding within a radius of six miles of Okanagan Centre, B.C.

Companies Change Names.—Notice is given in the current week's Provincial Gazette of the proposed change in name of Canadian Timber & Lumber Co., Limited, to British Columbia Timber & Lumber Co., Limited, and of that of the Willow River Lumber Company, Limited, to the Eagle Lake Lumber Company, Limited.

Agents Confer.—At Vancouver on Wednesday there was a conference at the offices of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between representatives of the line from Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver relative to the matter of apportioning cargo space on Grand Trunk Pacific ships to Alaska next season. The avoidance of duplicate sales of the same accommodation is what is aimed at.

Wholesaler Seeks Exemption.—Because the wholesale merchants of Vancouver would not be suited by the enforced opening of their places of business on Saturday afternoons and the closing on Wednesday, plans are being made to secure action by the Government whereby the present half-holiday act will be amended so that they will be exempt from making the change to Wednesday.

Uniform Bread By-Law.—The municipality of North Vancouver has suggested a conference of the several municipal authorities of Greater Vancouver and the Lower Mainland generally with a view to arriving at a possible scheme whereby a uniform bread by-law may be passed in order to ensure that the weight of a loaf of bread offered for sale will be standardized throughout the municipalities represented.

To Approach Legislature.—The municipality of Burnaby has decided to appeal direct to the Legislature at Victoria with regard to the taxation of C. N. R. lands in the municipality and the collection of taxes upon the same. This course was decided upon at a meeting of the City Council and Reeve Fraser and the municipal solicitor were appointed a committee to handle the matter.

Assays Named.—Assayers' certificates have been granted by the Provincial Board of Examiners to the following, who are authorized to practice assaying in the Province: Messrs. E. G. Archer, Anyox; Norman Armstrong, Vancouver; A. R. Hodgson, Anyox; Frank Levy and S. M. Manning, of Vancouver; T. T. Merrifield, Trail; Arthur L. Dempster, Rossland; E. C. Rutherford, Trail, and William Sutherland, Glasgow, Scotland.

Unpaid Extension.—A further six months extension was granted at Vancouver by Mr. Justice Morrison to a defendant, Mr. Tyson, who is being sued for foreclosure of a city property in which he has, it is alleged, an equity of about \$9,000 in a property originally valued at \$11,900. Six months ago Mr. Tyson got six months extension from Mr. Justice Macdonald on agreeing to pay \$300 to mortgage. He now offers to pay a further sum of \$500 off the mortgage.

L. O. D. E. Field Comforts.—The Field Comforts Department in the Municipal Headquarters, L. O. D. E., at 733 Fort Street, is again open for the reception of made-up garments and woollen articles, as well as for the distribution of the material for their manufacture. A consignment of woollen comforts will be packed and shipped overseas next week. It is hoped the workers will return to their patriotic work with renewed vigor as a result of the respite afforded by the holiday season.

Treasury Board.—Formal announcement of the appointment of the members of the Treasury Board is contained in the Provincial Gazette, the members being Premier Brewster, Hon. J. D. Maclean, Provincial Secretary, and Hon. M. A. Macdonald, Attorney-General. The Treasury Board, the duties of which are light, is a species of arbitration board which adjudicates between the audit office and any department in the matter of payments where an audit office doubts the authority of the department to authorize such payments.

Employment Wanted.—The Returned Soldiers' Employment Committee is anxious for further co-operation on the part of the public in the effort to secure employment for returned soldiers. A number of the men have recently been placed in positions, but the committee has applications from a number of others for whom positions are desired. The applicants in these instances prefer clerical or some other light work. Any one having such positions open is asked to communicate with the secretary at the offices of the committee, 104 Union Bank Building.

New Timber Regulations.—New regulations governing the issuance of licences to cut timber on Dominion Lands with a view to preventing the pollution of any rivers, lakes or tributaries thereto from the use of a domestic or municipal water supply or may be obtained, have been announced by the Federal authorities, and are published in the current week's Provincial Gazette. The terms upon which such licences may be secured and the restrictions to be hereafter imposed are set forth and penalties are provided for infractions thereof.

Again Officers Hospital.—The Royal Columbian Hospital board at New Westminster has wired to the medical superintendent of the Military Hospital's Commission at Ottawa offering to care for 300 soldiers on the same terms and conditions as have been arranged with the Vancouver General Hospital. The hospital can be ready within 48 days of closing the agreement. This action was

taken as a result of an intimation from the authorities that it was not desirable for the commission to take over and operate the unoccupied wings, but that it would prefer to pay a per diem rate.

Accident Writ Issued.—After having, in accordance with the Municipal Act, served formal notice of claims against South Vancouver and Richmond Municipalities arising out of the accident in which nine persons were drowned through the draw of the Fraser Avenue bridge being open, court proceedings have been begun. Acting on behalf of Mrs. Keen and her two children, Messrs. Laidner and Cantelero issued a writ in the Supreme Court at Vancouver claiming \$30,000. It is alleged in the writ that the death of Mrs. Keen was caused by the negligence of the defendants in the construction, operation, control, maintenance or use of the bridge.

Victorian Order of Nurses.—The regular monthly meeting of the local board of the Victorian Order of Nurses was held on January 3 at 3:30, at 1804 Cook Street, with Mrs. Robertson in the chair and eight members present. Miss MacNave was the head nurse, reporting a total number of visits paid during the month of 256. Of these 197 were nursing visits. The nursing of the tubercular patients was now being done by the nurse appointed by the city for this purpose. The board acknowledges with thanks Christmas donations in cash from the city and Mr. Fernie and clothing from Mrs. Cantelero.

Car Shortage.—Railway officials in British Columbia are hopeful that the condition of affairs in respect to the shortage of cars for eastbound freights will only be of a temporary character. While it is attributable to the war, they are of the opinion that it will not last for any considerable length of time. Even though the war should last another twelve months, it is improbable that the handicap upon which western business men are laboring now will be continuous. There is nothing, they say, in existing conditions to warrant that state of affairs obtaining for more than a few months longer to the same extent as at present.

Holiday Travel.—With the actual holiday travel at an end, with the expiration of most of the excursion tickets, railway officials state that the business to the coast has been about the same as last year; but an increase of almost a hundred per cent is reported between Canada and the United States. In general the excursions from the coast to the east have not been remarkably heavy. Reports from the prairie provinces, however, state that large numbers of farmers have gone east, and in some instances increases of 100 and 50 per cent have taken place. To the United States the holiday traffic was very good and from many districts it was doubled. There have also been large numbers of travellers coming across the line into Canada, some attracted by the opportunities offered for land settlement.

Adjudged for Two Months.—On the request of Mr. F. J. Stappole, K.C., counsel for the plaintiff, Mr. Justice Murphy, in the Supreme Court yesterday stood over for two months the hearing of the action brought by the Municipality of Esquimalt against Thomas E. Young, a contractor who did certain sewer work for the municipality. The plaintiff alleges irregularity in the execution of the work and seek to obtain repayment of \$6,025.30 alleged to have been paid in excess in respect to the work in question. It is likewise alleged that fraudulent representations were made to which the overpayments owe their origin. A commission will be issued in order that the testimony of a witness who is now in England may be taken, and the case will be again called two months from date.

High Rates on Lumber.—The high rates on the G. T. P. on lumber shipped to the prairie sections has resulted in Mr. J. Ruttan, for the past seven years a sawmill owner and operator at Vanderhoof, a point on the railway, moving his business to Huxford Lake, some distance east of Prince George. Mr. Ruttan, who was a visitor in the city yesterday, stated that by his change in location the rate on lumber shipped by his plant to the Prairies from his new location there had been a steady demand for lumber, will be cut from 27 to 24 cents. He stated that there is every prospect of a decided increase in settlement in the section along the G. T. P. next spring. For the past two months the individuals applying for the land have been in the district, the future development of which, he predicts, will be rapid.

Half-Holiday Act.—In the police court yesterday five charges of infraction of the Saturday Half-Holiday Act were dealt with in one instance. A fine of \$10 was imposed. Mr. F. Higgins appeared in defence of a Chinese storekeeper charged with an infraction of the Act, and took the ground that as the action was based on the fact that a constable had made a purchase on the day in question, the action must fail, as the constable could not be held to be a customer in accordance with the terms of the Act. Mr. Higgins quoted authorities to show that in this instance the customer was to all intents and purposes a transient purchaser. Magistrate J. A. Gray held that the present statute was capable of considerable improvement, and he dismissed the case on the grounds that the prosecution had failed to show that the constable was a customer.

Appointments Granted.—Mr. Frank Burnett, Jr., of Vancouver, has been appointed by the Provincial Government to the position of assessor and collector for the Vancouver Assessment District, his duties to date from January 1. The position was held by the late Mr. W. L. Fagan. Other appointments announced are: To be notaries public: Messrs. John Mulgrew, of Burnaby; George A. Watson, of Mission City; Charles H. Jackson, of Kelowna; Thomas Hodgson, of Nanaimo; Dr. John Hay, of Trail, has been appointed to act as deputy coroner in the absence of Dr. J. Bain Thom; Captain W. E. Oliver, officer commanding the 88th Regiment, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace, and Mr. William J. Briggs, of Revelstoke, has received the appointment of coroner. Mr. Henry N. Courcier, of Revelstoke, is appointed a court of assessment and appeal for the Revelstoke Assessment District in the place of Mr. Charles E. Fife, and Mr. Charles H. Beaver-Potts, police magistrate for the City of Nanaimo.

Remarkable Case.—An extraordinary case has just terminated at Vancouver through the rendering of a verdict by a coroner's jury in the case of the death of the infant child of Mrs. Nellie Lees. In censuring the mother, Coroner Jeffe said: "For a child of two and a half or three years to be brought to a drunkard's grave is the most terrible thing I have ever heard of, or ever seen wish to hear of, in my experience. The mother has just escaped a prosecution for manslaughter by the fact that the post mortem doctor stated death was due to pneumonia, although that may have been accelerated by the use of alcohol." The jury's verdict was as follows: "The deceased died at the



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New Companies.—Robertson & Hackett Sawmills, Limited, is a new lumbering company with a capital of \$100,000, and head office at Vancouver, which will acquire and carry on the business now being operated by David Robertson and James W. Hackett under the firm name of Robertson & Hackett, at Vancouver and elsewhere in the Province. Canadian Patriotic Films, Limited, is another Vancouver incorporation with a capital of \$10,000, which will carry on a general moving picture business. The Crofton Lumber Company, Limited, with a capital of \$25,000, and headquarters at Fernie, will operate a general lumbering business. Brewster Transport Company, Limited, an extra-provincial company with head office at Banff, has been licensed to transport business in the Province, as has The Mastodon Mining Company, Limited, of Lethbridge.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., January 4, 1917.

An ocean storm area now centred off Vancouver Island is moving southwesterly and heavy rain and heavy snow have been general both here and on the lower Mainland. A new snow storm is reported in Carleton and Southern Kootenay, and intense cold is slowly spreading southward from the Yukon. More temperatures are again general in the Prairie Provinces.

TEMPERATURE	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	41	49
Winnipeg	16	24
Portland	40	48
San Francisco	50	58
Port Arthur	46	54
Penticton	38	46
Vernon	30	38
Prince George	22	30
Toronto	20	28
Ottawa	22	30
Montreal	20	28
Edmonton	18	26
Halifax	20	28
Highest	48	56
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Births, Marriages and Deaths

DEATHS

IRWIN—On January 3, 1917, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Mrs. W. Russell Irwin, oldest daughter of Mrs. Owens, 1224 McClure Street, aged 22 years.
 Funeral will take place on Friday, January 5, from the R. C. Funeral Parlors at 3 p. m.

WISE—On the 3rd inst., at his home, 464 Head Street, George Alexander Wise, aged 7 years, born in Victoria, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wise. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss, besides his parents, two brothers and one sister.
 The funeral will take place on Friday, the 5th inst., at 2 o'clock, from the R. C. Funeral Chapel, where the Rev. Dr. Maclean will officiate. Interment Ross Bay Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Richard Drake and family wish to thank their many friends for the kind sympathy shown during their recent bereavement.

STANDARD FISHING

CRAFT ARE NEEDED

Board of Trade Taking Up Question With Federal Government—Discuss Songhees Reserve Today.

Standardization of the type of craft used in deep-sea fishing off the coast of British Columbia and the enactment of legislation effecting other important changes in the way the fishing industry is now carried on, will be urged in a memorial being prepared by the Board of Trade to be submitted at an early date to the Federal Government.

Mr. H. B. Thomson, who is being asked to draft out the communication and who first brought the matter to the attention of the Board of Trade, states the case in the following words:

"At the present time the deep-sea fishing is in the hands largely of Americans, and no plan has been adopted to standardize or perfect the type of boat. When war was declared, Great Britain had in her North Sea fleets of trawlers a ready outfit to convert into mine sweepers and standardized craft ready for service in other spheres of usefulness, to say nothing of the magnificent

SAANICH CANDIDATES SPEAK AT MEETINGS

Reeve McGregor Quotes Auditor's Report Showing How Money Was Wasted in 1913
 Mr. J. Nicholson Replies.

At a meeting last evening at the Keating's Temperance Hall, Saanich, the candidates for the reeve and the candidates for school trustees for Ward 6, were heard.

Councillor Tanner, candidate for Ward 6, stated that he regretted losing Reeve McGregor. "The Reeve is one man that can put things in a ship-shape manner," Mr. Tanner stated. "He has put Saanich on a good basis, and the School Board will be fortunate, if he is elected. I had no intention of running this year, but after having several deputations wait upon me I decided to run. When I was first elected my chief object was to see that the road paving was completed, as it had been dragging on for some time. The road will be the main factor in the development of Saanich. If I am re-elected I will do all in my power to see that the water-frontage tax is lessened. Saanich should be congratulated on having Mr. Johnson for an engineer. He has started and completed some large work which is a credit to him and the municipality. Some people thought him extravagant. He wasn't. He always made the work of a permanent nature. "The water system question is one of the important ones that the incoming council will have to deal with. It is urgently needed. Another problem is the water-frontage tax, and the sewerage system question."

"I appeal to you to elect me for school trustee," said Reeve McGregor, "and I have confidence that every one of you will give me your support. I have followed the different school questions, and I think I could help to settle these difficult problems. There are some people who are trying to start trouble for election purposes in regard to the question of school accommodation and the unfriendly feeling with Victoria. I want it clearly understood that there is no fiction as far as I am concerned, between Victoria and Saanich."

Auditor's 1913 Report

The Reeve read the auditor's report for 1913, which was addressed to Mr. Joseph Nicholson from Mr. Barlow, Saanich auditor for 1913, stating that, if Mr. Nicholson could prove that any of the statements were untrue, he would donate to the Victoria Patriotic Society \$500. The Reeve before reading the report, stated that it had been kept from him till after the elections of 1914, when he was first made Reeve. The report showed how money was wasted during the last year of Mr. Nicholson's regime. There were many errors in the assessment book which might have been harmful, and it also showed that the cash was handled in a careless manner. The work in the Municipal Hall was not properly handled and even neglected. The auditor stated that he was disappointed in the work of the year. "And yet Mr. Nicholson says he wants to manage the municipality in the same manner," stated Mr. McGregor. "Mr. Nicholson stated several years ago that the Saanich road would never be paved. Is it paved? For all the money spent dur-

ing the past year we have received, something for it. Mr. Nicholson can't say that for the time he was Reeve. All work done by us was of a permanent nature."

Mr. Nicholson, in reply to Mr. McGregor's statements, asked why didn't the Reeve make this report public on entering the office of Reeve. "In reading that report, Mr. Reeve," says Mr. Nicholson, "I think you are playing to the galleries. If I was the Reeve I would have all these wrongdoers in jail. I never received that report. It is also very funny that the Saanich municipality never published its balance sheets as I did when in office. I suppose too many people in the Saanich District will read them."

"I have had a number of years experience, two years as councillor and four years as Reeve, and I would certainly be pleased if anybody will show me where there has been any ill doing during my time in the council. My policy, if elected, will be retrenchment. The taxation is too heavy. I am a large property owner and I will do all in my power to have the taxes lowered."

Councillor Borden's Stand

Councillor Borden in his speech gave an outline of the year's work. He stated that Mr. Nicholson said that as the Saanich people could not obtain anybody else to run for Reeve they chose Mr. Borden, and as Mr. Borden followed Mr. McGregor's extravagant way he thought he would oppose him and put an end to the wasting of the ratepayer's money. Councillor Borden said that the people could choose the man they thought most capable of holding the responsible position. "All departments of the municipality were conducted on an economical basis this year," said Councillor Borden, "and everything put in businesslike shape. For every dollar spent there was an equal return."

Trustee Brooks, chairman for the Saanich School Board, and candidate for school trustee, and Trustee Mrs. Hutchinson outlined the year's work. Mr. Brooks stated that the difficulty in selecting the site for the Tillikum school will be finally settled today at a meeting of the School Board. He also spoke of the overcrowding of some of the schools which will have to be looked after during this year.

Councillor Diggon, candidate for Ward 7, made a brief speech in regard to the waterfront taxation. He opined that the reduction of the water rate will be an important question to be settled by this year's council.

Mining operations on a large scale have been begun by the Delta Copper Company, which owns and holds under option 21 claims on Rocher de Boule Mountain, and which has also taken an option on a controlling interest in the Highland Boy Company, says The Omicron Miner. Development will be under the personal direction of Mr. Harrison Clement, a mining engineer of note, who is now engaged in preparing for the installation of the plant, which will include a compressor and a surface tram. The company's efforts will be concentrated for the present on the Highland Boy lead, this remarkable vein running through both groups. At an elevation of 5,900 feet a tunnel is to be driven on the vein, giving from 500 to 600 feet of depth. The work will start at the west end of the Highland Boy and will follow the vein toward the east. Builders are now engaged in constructing camps on Juniper Creek, just above the Rocher de Boule. Accommodation for 25 or 30 men will be provided. Between 12 and 15 men will be employed at once. It is safe to predict that the Delta Copper Company will take a prominent place in the list of copper ore producers.

CONSIDER DRAFT OF CIVIL SERVICE BILL

Provincial Cabinet Spent Much Time Yesterday Upon Measure Prepared by Professor Adam Shortt, Federal Expert.

The draft bill prepared by Professor Adam Shortt for the Provincial Government providing for a complete reorganization and placing upon an improved basis the inside and outside civil service, was under consideration by the Cabinet yesterday and again last evening. The bill is the expression of the years of experience which Professor Shortt, as one of the Dominion Civil Service Commission, has had in connection with the Federal civil service, and has been drafted with the sole purpose of providing for a permanent service outside the influence of politics and for which appointments will be based upon merit. It calls for all permanent civil servants being first examined before being admitted, and ensures promotion from the lower to the highest offices.

Professor Shortt, who has been in Victoria for the past two weeks, will probably leave today on his return to Ottawa.

Premier Brewster left last night for Ottawa, where he will attend the conference of Federal and Provincial representatives, at which will be discussed the question of providing for the returned soldiers. The conference will be held on the 10th inst., and the Premier will likely be absent about three weeks.

The personnel of the Royal Commission to investigate the by-election irregularities in Vancouver in February last has not yet been definitely determined, but Premier Brewster stated last evening it would probably be announced by the end of the present week. The delay has been occasioned by the fact that owing to the press of court business it has been difficult to secure the services of the judges, two or three of whom will constitute the commission. Once the personnel of the Commission is decided there will be little delay in commencing the investigation.

Owing to being delayed in the mountains by storms Mr. Eldon S. H. Winn, newly appointed chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, could not reach the city yesterday, and consequently the first meeting of the new board will not be held until today. Messrs. Parker Williams and Hugh B. Gilmour, the other two commissioners, are in the city and have been in conference with Mr. F. R. Hinsdale, the expert who has been getting all the preliminaries into shape, and who has got matters to the point where all that is required is the official sanction of the Board to the rates which will be levied upon the various employing concerns throughout the Province.

As the work of the Compensation Board grows there will be required a considerable staff. In Ontario a staff of thirty or more was employed when the act there came into force. Besides the clerical office staff that will be required there will have to be appointed competent inspectors, auditors, claims officials, actuaries, accountants, etc. As the act calls for the inspection of manufacturing plants, with a view to having installed adequate safety appliances, a number of men will be in the field at all times. There must also be carried on yearly an audit of the affairs of the companies coming under



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As yet no permanent offices for the Board have been selected at the legislative buildings. Official announcement of the appointment of the Board was contained in yesterday's issue of the Provincial Gazette.

ANSWERING CALL TO NATIONAL SERVICE

Appeal of Federal Government Being Well Responded to in Victoria—Cards Are Being Generally Signed.

Inquiries instituted yesterday elicited the information that on the whole the appeal of the Federal Government to serve National Service week is being well responded to in Victoria, despite certain influences being at work calculated to restrain the working classes from signing the cards. Postmaster Discoe said:

"As far as we can judge there is likely to be a very general response to the request that the National Service cards be signed by all males between the ages of 18 and 45 years. The postmen have now finished the work of distributing the cards, and already large numbers have been returned to the Post Office for forwarding to Ottawa. The carriers state that in only a few instances have they found any objection on the part of householders to receive the cards."

"Tomorrow and subsequent days this week we anticipate will be very busy for us at the post office in handling the cards that are expected to be mailed. At the request of the Government we undertook the distribution of cards in quantity to all large employers of labor in the city and to offices where many men are employed, such as the Parliament Buildings and the City Hall. All reports we have received indicate the existence of little opposition to the signing of the cards."

Allen Influence

From another source it was learned that during the past few days there has been a systematic attempt to induce the workmen of the city to refuse to sign the cards—an attempt which led to a police investigation. A man, described as the secretary of the International Union of Longshoremen, has been busy distributing circulars on the street cars, at the homes of workmen and at Equilmont. These circulars which are believed to have been printed in Seattle or some other American city, urge men not to sign the National Service cards until such time as the Government nationalizes all the industries of the country—railways, munition works, etc., the argument being the usual Socialistic one.

The attention of the police department was called to the matter, and an investigation disclosed that the man could not be arrested, as there had been no breach of the laws made and provided. It appears that as the sign- Continued on Page 12

OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of Mr. George Alexander Wise, who died on January 3, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the R. C. Funeral Chapel, where Rev. Dr. Maclean is to officiate. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wise, and seven years of age. Two brothers and a sister survive, besides the parents.

Mrs. Maynard, wife of Mr. William Maynard, of 101 Michigan Street, received word yesterday that her father, Mr. Henry Winter, had died at the family home in Chelsea, Mich., at the age of 62.

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MATTERS OF MOMENT IN WOMAN'S REALM

For Better Sight.
It is a long while since a great writer on education said that children should be taught how to take care of their own bodies. Yet it is doubtful if any subject is taught with less realization of its importance whether by teacher or by pupil than that of the laws of health. Text books on the subject are studied for the purposes of examination, it is true, but the connection between the conduct of the child himself and the lessons learned is too often overlooked. One of the reasons undoubtedly is that the science of right living is very imperfectly understood. Text books on the subject too often make statements which are quite at variance with the child's experience of life, and these destroy his confidence in the whole teaching.

Gradually, however, it is being borne in on the schools and through the schools upon the people that sound physical health depends on education. Perhaps the greatest advance has been made in the care of the teeth. In most large cities on this continent there are free dental clinics where the teeth of those children whose parents cannot afford to pay for treatment are put in order. In many schools every child is not only taught how to take care of his teeth but made to clean them. The influence of these measures has been very widespread, and it may now be hoped that the parents of children will suffer less from the many ills that result from decaying teeth than their parents, and that improvement will continue till sound teeth will be the rule instead of the exception. This will not be the case, however, unless the teachers, as well as the parents, are appointed to care for the health of the children look upon this part of school work as important.

Another aspect which is now engaging the attention of experts is the preservation and improvement of eyesight. The artificial life of cities and confinement in badly lighted schoolrooms with other phases of modern civilization, has, investigators say, resulted in impairment of the vision of children to a degree which few people suspect. In school pupils afflicted in this way are blamed for carelessness and inattention, when the truth is they are totally unable to keep up with their classmates because they cannot see well.

This is bad enough. But a greater danger is from the progressive nature of diseases of the eye. Children whose vision is so short of normal may, through their own carelessness, become worse. This, in the opinion of Dr. Ward Crampton, director of physical training in New York, would not be the case if from early years children were properly and systematically instructed in the care of their eyes. Something of how this is to be done is indicated in the following extract from a paper read by Mr. Gordon L. Berry, published in The Medical Review of Reviews:

"With reference to conservation of vision, Dr. Crampton includes from the early grades instructions for the teacher relative to seating, light and discovery of symptoms of defects of vision through a daily morning inspection. Explanation is given of local symptoms to be noted, which can be diagnosed by the teacher as indicative of need for further examination by the school nurse or inspector; for instance, squinting, watering, headaches, reading-matter held at an improper distance from the eye, inflammation, pus formation, inability to see the blackboard clearly, etc., etc."

"The children are to be instructed from Class 1B upward in the care of the eyes; cleanliness and infection, bathing corners every morning, dangers of dirty towels, use of separate handkerchiefs, etc. As we go on to the higher grades we find more complete instruction advised than in the classes of the little folks. The necessity for consulting a physician, instead of buying advertised 'cures'; explanation of causes of disease, instruction in how to study, and the reasons for securing proper lighting conditions, all of these round out the course, and are of material benefit to the child."

"In Grade 7A, for instance, comes the explanation of the function of eyelids, lashes, and tears, the reasons for wearing eye-glasses, etc. It is impressed upon the child how great is the necessity for keeping the eyes in good condition for economic reasons."

"The only suggestion which I wish to make in addition to the foregoing is the desirability of beginning early to explain to the child the functions of the eye, the dangers from lack of care, and the methods of prevention. Even in the lowest grades this can be taught, through the story method, or through pictures, and it is remarkable how much a tiny little chap of five or six will absorb and make his own permanently."

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A great variety of smart garments in wanted fabrics are offered at prices much less than usual. Economical mothers should take advantage of this sale today. Coats of Chinchilla cloths, tweeds, velvets and fancy checks at the following prices:

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The woman who seeks better than usual values in Hats of distinctive merit will welcome the opportunity to make economical selection. Hats for every occasion are offered at the following reduced prices:

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Special assortments of Children's Hats to clear at \$1.25



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All Cloth Coats with the exception of Burberrys. Handsome models in rich plush, pony cloth, broadcloths, blanket cloth, tweed, etc., will be found in particularly fine assortment. The reduced prices are \$7.50, \$12.00, \$15.00 and \$19.50

IMPORTANT DISPOSAL OF WOMEN'S FALL AND WINTER SUITS TODAY
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Many of the lessons taught in earliest years are the ones that make the deepest impression upon the mind, to bear fruit in years following.

This matter is of the greatest importance, and school boards, teachers and others upon whom the responsibility rests should see to it that nothing is left undone which will in any way contribute to the conservation of the sight of Victoria children. A badly lighted schoolroom may injure the sight of scores of children each year.

So far as there is evidence to prove there is little serious eye trouble among our school children. Whether this is owing to climatic conditions or to the healthfulness of the majority of children is a matter for the judgment of experts. Whether there is a lack of the keenness of vision necessary for the highest industrial efficiency is not so easy to discover.

It is certain, however, that the care of the eyes when in health and the cure of defects of sight when possible are very important to the future not only of the children but of the community.

favorable than the vicinity of Victoria has proved. The suggestion that the dry season may have caused the loss of birds who survived the cold of last Winter should remind us all that we might have provided water for the thirsty birds with little trouble to ourselves.

Should the birds visit our doors again this Winter food ought to be provided and protection from cats afforded. Everything possible to entertain and foster all species of insect-eating birds is not only humane but very good policy. Even the cherry stealing robins will be missed when the earth is turned up in the Spring, and thousands of the larvae of insect pests are allowed to mature.

The boys and girls would prove protectors of the birds if their sympathies were enlisted. Mr. Kermode has added to his splendid collection at the museum many specimens of the nests of wild birds. These would afford material for many an interesting lesson if the children were encouraged to observe them. We need the birds in our gardens and orchards, and everything possible should be done to induce them to come and remain here.

Returning Soldiers
There will be from time to time an ever increasing number of soldiers returning from the front.

EMPLOYERS
Desires of giving them employment will kindly communications with—
The Secretary
The Returned Soldiers Employment Committee
104 Union Bank Building

For a Short Time Only
Miss Hanman will give a treatment FREE OF CHARGE to anyone distressed with excessive hair on their face. Absolutely permanent cure guaranteed.
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NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A portrait of Leonelle d'Este by the famous Flemish painter, Roger van der Weyden, which has been on view in the Metropolitan Museum of Art since October, was sold today by Sir Edgar Speyer, its owner, to an art dealer here for a price said to exceed \$100,000.

WILL CATER TO NEEDS OF RETURNED SOLDIERS

Linen and Gift Shower From 3 to 6 p.m. at Government House Tomorrow—Providing for Convalescent Homes.

A committee consisting of Mr. F. Jones, President of the Red Cross Society, and members of the recently formed Women's Auxiliary, with the buyage committee, visited the Military Convalescent Hospital at Rotherham yesterday, and took full stock of its present needs. The visitors were received by Miss M. C. Macdonald, the matron, and her bery of nurses, who were found all busily occupied in making up uniforms and supplies. Every part of the building was inspected, and its remarkable efficiency for the purpose for which it is at present destined fully appreciated. It remains for the women of the City and Island to see that wherever these hospitals are established their needs, and the comfort of the men who return to us from the field of battle, receive every wise and tender solicitude. Also that the hands

of the officials in charge be strengthened to meet all special and emergency calls which may be many and various. The broken conditions of mind and body of those men who have faced, and survived, the "great test," and now need to be helped, and restored to normal existence.

The committee is most grateful to Mrs. Bernard for inviting it to make its first effort in line with the work undertaken by them, and to hold a linen and gift shower at Government House tomorrow from 3 to 6 p.m., when contributions are asked as follows: Sheets (single), two and one-half yard long; pillow cases, medium size; ser-viettes, bath towels, dish and roller gowling, cheesecloth and thin cotton, by the piece; bedspreads and handkerchiefs.

In addition to this list, and for the convenience of friends and firms who may wish to make a donation of a different kind any of the following articles will be the most acceptable and will be gratefully received by the ladies at Saturday's shower: Home-made jams, jellies, pickles and bottled fruits; games, cards, and smoking sets. Umbrella stands and one or two clocks are also kindly needed.

A welcome contribution of \$50 from Mr. Forrest Angus has been given for the special purpose of furnishing the matron's sitting room, and the first requisition for pajamas for the use of the patients has been already filled from the Red Cross workrooms.

Miss Mara has kindly consented to act as treasurer during Mrs. Bower's absence and all cheques and donations in cash may be sent to her address, 750 Pemberton Road, Victoria, B.C.

MARGUERITE CLARK

In Miss George Washington, the Famous Players feature now being shown at Dominion, Miss Clark "is seen in a delightfully polite comedy, one that will cause a steady ripple of mirth. Marguerite Clark sustains the title role and she carries it with a girl-fishness and an abandon that marks the production as one out of the usual. Bessie Summers' pupil at a young ladies' academy gets a medal because the truth society is convinced she is a remarkable example of what a virtuous girl should be and is also given the title of Miss George Washington. She tears the honor with her tongue in her cheek and a wink in her expressive eye. However, one by leads to another and complications follow, and there is a comic twist to them all.

Miss Clark has had no medium which provides so fine an opportunity for the bringing out of her art in its charm. It is a school girl role and in school girl roles she is at her best. It is by far the best picture Marguerite Clark has yet appeared in. A most amusing comedy production; everyone is sure to like it.

UNVEIL HONOR ROLL

Interesting Patriotic Meeting to Be Held at Royal Oak Hall This Evening

An event of more than ordinary interest in connection with patriotic work is arranged to take place this evening at the Royal Oak Hall, the occasion being a public meeting of the citizens of that district.

Miss Kathleen Oldfield will unveil the honor roll, on which are inscribed the names of the 400 men from the Spanish district. Mrs. McGregor will give an address on National Service.

Mr. F. A. Pauline, M.P.P., and Sergt. Major Manning, the latter one of the most successful recruiting officers in Canada, and others will speak on patriotic work.

There will be a programme of music, and those having the affair in hand trust that there will be a large attendance.

French, Spanish, Gouin method. Sprott-Shaw Institute.

"HIAWATHA" TOMORROW

Pretty Play to Be Staged at Old Victoria Theatre by Daughters of Empire

Considerable interest is being evinced in the production of the dramatized version of "Hiawatha," Longfellow's famous poem, by the members of the Daisy Chain Chapter, of the I.O.D.E., in the Old Victoria Theatre tomorrow evening. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of members and friends of the order in Victoria, and every one is assured of a most enjoyable evening's entertainment. Rehearsals have been held almost daily, and it is not difficult to foretell a complete success for this charming play.

Among the special features is the solo part, in which Miss Charlotte Spencer is to appear as "Chibiabaw." Mrs. Roberts' orchestra will also be in attendance.

The tickets have been placed on sale at several of the leading stores in the business sections of the city at 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The performance will commence promptly at 8 o'clock.

"THE COMMON LAW"

The long heralded appearance of the popular Clara Kimball Young in the first of her own company's productions, "The Common Law," by Robert W. Chambers, is scheduled for the Royal Victoria Theatre on Monday next for four days.

Director-General Albert Capellani of the Clara Kimball Young Film Corporation, has screened the novel in six parts and the production is said to be magnificent in every respect. In the cast supporting Miss Young are Conway Tearle, Paul Capellani, Edna Hunter, Lillian Cook, Julia Stuart, Edward M. Kimball, Lydia Knott and D. J. Flannigan.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Y.M.C.A. at Willows—In the hut of the Y.M.C.A. at the Willows a full house was entertained with a Scottish concert last night, organized by Mrs. Butler. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed, special features of the evening being the bagpipe selections played by Miss Wallace and the Highland dancing of Miss Shearer. On the previous evening a whist drive was held in the building, which is being made good use of by the men in camp.

House of Burgundy—District Deputy Bro. H. G. King, P.P., last night installed the following officers for Juvenile Lodge, Young England, No. 87: Past president, Bro. J. Brindley; president, Bro. W. T. Thorne; vice-president, Bro. L. E. Howlett; chaplain, Bro. G. H. Lofter; first guide, Bro. W. C. Brown; second guide, Bro. C. W. Humphrey; third guide, Bro. E. Treadwell; fourth guide, Bro. F. C. Campbell; inside guard, Bro. E. F. Wainwright. Adult officers: Chief adviser, Bro. A. E. Brindley (Pride of the Island); vice-adviser, Bro. H. Bussey, P.P. (Pride of the Island); secretary, Bro. E. W. Howlett (Alexandria); treasurer, Bro. A. Wyman, P.P. (Alexandria). Physician, Bro. Dr. A. Bechtel; auditors, Bros. C. Pomeroy and J. Baron; trustees, Bros. Pearce and Cobbett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I.O.O.F. Entertainment—From 4 to 8 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the members of Colfax Rebekah Lodge, I.O.O.F., will entertain the wives and children of members of the order who are on active service, at the hall on Douglas Street. Tables will be spread in the dining-hall, and a programme of music, etc., will be rendered in the large hall. Members of the order are invited to look in.

Jumps From Steamer

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 4.—At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of December 26, when an Atlantic liner was three days out from Liverpool, Mrs. Anderson Emmerson, of Donald, Ont., who had been visiting for a year with relatives in Scotland, deliberately climbed the rail and jumped into the sea, it was learned here last night. By the time a boat was launched she had disappeared under the surface. The reasons which prompted her to suicide are unknown.

Meetings in Quebec Province
QUEBEC, Jan. 4.—To counteract the impression that exists in certain quarters in Quebec province towards the national service cards a number of mass meetings will be held throughout the province to explain, especially in the rural communities, the exact meaning of the national service. Members of parliament, members of the legislature and members of the clergy will participate in the campaign. A meeting was held at Thetford Mines yesterday.

ROYAL VICTORIA

Coming—4 Days, Commencing Monday, January 8

The Screen Star Supreme—

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG

In the Photo-Dramatic Event of the Season

"The Common Law"

By ROBERT W. CHAMBERS

CHURCH BASKETBALL SCHEDULES ARRANGED

Five Teams Each Entered for the Ladies' and Intermediate Divisions of the Sunday School League.

The Sunday School Basketball League is preparing for the approaching opening of its season. The schedule committee met on Wednesday night and prepared the schedule of games for the ladies' and intermediate series, in each of which there are five teams entered. In the intermediate division, the entries are Congregational, Metropolitan, Presbyterian, A and B teams, and James Bays; each team will play all the other teams three times, making a series of thirty games. The entries in the ladies' division are the following: Congregational, Metropolitan, Presbyterian, A and B teams, and James Bays. The schedule arranged for this division being arranged on similar lines to that for the intermediate.

The senior division schedule has not been drawn up yet on account of the City League games running well into April. There are four teams entered in this division, and although no formal schedule has been made, dates beginning March 6 and ending April 17, have been kept open and the gymnasium secured for the playing of the games between these dates. All the Sunday School League games will be played in the First Presbyterian Church gymnasium. Referees are being arranged for and great activity is being manifested by all the entrants.

It is expected that the brand of basketball which will be played this season will be quite equal to that seen last year. First Presbyterians, despite the loss of four of last year's senior team, will have a senior five as well as two intermediate teams and two ladies' teams.

The secretaries of all Sunday Schools are reminded that all registration forms for members of their teams must be in the hands of the registration committee seven days before the date of the first game, and must be accompanied by the fee, 25 cents each for seniors and ten cents each for ladies and intermediates. These forms must be signed by the pastor of the church and superintendent of the Sunday School. Intermediates will be required to weigh in before playing. The schedule arranged by the committee are as follows:

Ladies' Division

Jan. 13—Presbyterians (B) vs. Congregational.
Jan. 16—Belmonts vs. Reformed Episcopal.
Jan. 20—Congregational vs. Presbyterians (A); Presbyterians (B) vs. Reformed Episcopal.
Jan. 23—Congregational vs. Reformed Episcopal; Presbyterians (A) vs. Belmonts.
Jan. 27—Presbyterians (B) vs. Presbyterians (A).
Jan. 30—Congregational vs. Belmonts; Reformed Episcopal vs. Presbyterians (A).
Feb. 3—Belmonts vs. Presbyterians (B); Presbyterians (A) vs. Congregational.
Feb. 6—Belmonts vs. Reformed Episcopal.
Feb. 13—Presbyterians (B) vs. Congregational; Presbyterians (A) vs. Belmonts.
Feb. 17—Presbyterians (B) vs. Reformed Episcopal.
Feb. 20—Congregational vs. Reformed Episcopal; Presbyterians (A) vs. Presbyterians (B).
Feb. 24—Belmonts vs. Congregational.
Feb. 27—Reformed Episcopal vs. Presbyterians (A); Presbyterians (B) vs. Belmonts.
March 5—Reformed Episcopal vs. Presbyterians (B).
March 6—Congregational vs. Presbyterians (A).

March 13—Belmonts vs. Reformed Episcopal.
March 17—Congregational vs. Presbyterians (B); Belmonts vs. Presbyterians (A).
March 20—Reformed Episcopal vs. Congregational.
March 24—Congregational vs. Belmonts; Presbyterians (A) vs. Presbyterians (B).
March 27—Belmonts vs. Presbyterians (B).
March 31—Reformed Episcopal vs. Presbyterians (A).
Intermediate Division
Jan. 16—James Bays vs. Congregational; Metropolitan vs. Presbyterians (A).
Jan. 20—Congregational vs. Presbyterians (B).
Jan. 23—Presbyterians (A) vs. James Bays.
Jan. 27—Congregational vs. Presbyterians (A); Presbyterians (B) vs. Metropolitan.
Jan. 30—James Bays vs. Presbyterians (B).
Feb. 3—Congregational vs. Metropolitan.
Feb. 6—Presbyterians (A) vs. Presbyterians (B); Metropolitan vs. James Bays.
Feb. 10—Metropolitan vs. Presbyterians (A).
Feb. 13—James Bays vs. Congregational.
Feb. 17—James Bays vs. Presbyterians (A); Presbyterians (B) vs. Congregational.
Feb. 20—Presbyterians (B) vs. Metropolitan.
Feb. 24—Congregational vs. Presbyterians (A); James Bays vs. Presbyterians (B).
Feb. 27—Congregational vs. Metropolitan.
March 3—Presbyterians (A) vs. Presbyterians (B); James Bays vs. Metropolitan.
March 6—James Bays vs. Presbyterians (A).
March 10—Presbyterians (B) vs. Congregational.
March 13—Metropolitan vs. Presbyterians (A).
March 17—Congregational vs. James Bays.
March 20—Presbyterians (A) vs. Congregational.
March 24—Metropolitan vs. Presbyterians (B).
March 27—Congregational vs. Metropolitan.
March 31—James Bays vs. Presbyterians (B).
April 3—Metropolitan vs. James Bays; Presbyterians (A) vs. Presbyterians (B).

DARCY'S RISE HAS BEEN A RAPID ONE

Fifteen Shillings Was the Amount of the First Prize He Won in Ring, Five Years Ago.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 4.—Five years ago Les Darcy fought ten terrific rounds for 15 shillings, or rather more than \$3 in American money. He was forced to beat a companion "from pillar to post" in an improvised ring built just outside a railway shanty at Maitland, Australia—Darcy's home town—to corral his first prize in the fight game. Today American promoters are struggling to sign up the newly arrived champion from the Antipodes with offers ranging from fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars to buy three of the best light-heavyweights in this country. Mick Hawkins, one of the spectators at the "grudge" fight, sized up the then 17 year old youngster as a prospective champion, and he lost no time informing Darcy of his prediction. About that time Darcy tipped the scales at 128 pounds.

"Let me take you in hand and I will make a champion of you inside a very few years," Hawkins told Darcy.

Stowaway With Star
NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight champion, was in conference with Freeman Bernstein, the theatrical booking agent, during the past two days, and arranged final deals for a venture in vaudeville. He will open his tour next Tuesday night at Hartford.

E. T. O'Sullivan, Darcy's manager, says the reported offer by John J. Reiser, to have Darcy meet the winner of the coming Weltner-Miske bout, had not been formally made. He added that Darcy would be glad to consider any offer when definite news comes from Paris regarding the coming to this country of Georges Carpentier.

Text Rickard says he has heard nothing in regard to the Darcy-Carpentier situation.

JIMMY WILDE MAY
BE NEXT IMPORTATION
English Managers in Communication With Tex Rickard Regarding American Tour for Flyweight Marvel

"Tex" Rickard is after yet another importation. He has got Darcy under a wing and has good hopes of getting Carpentier and now he is anxious to have the British flyweight champion Jimmy Wilde cross the water and show his skill to American supporters of the boxing game. "Young Zulu Kid," of the United States, recently invaded Wilde's stronghold in the hope of annexing the flyweight crown by beating the British rival, but his hopes were dispelled when he entered dreamland through the soporific medium of Wilde's punches. The boxer with the African nom de guerre was regarded as the pick of the American flyweights, but, as Wilde is accustomed to giving away weight in order to secure opponents to vanquish, there should be an excellent chance for him to bring back to the Old Country some of the money which has been flowing into the coffers of Uncle Sam from the pockets of John Bull. English boxing men have been in communication with Rickard concerning Wilde and, if their arrangements can be carried out, he will make the trip to America.

CARPENTIER PREPARES
FOR RETURN TO RING
PARIS, Jan. 4.—Georges Carpentier, French heavyweight champion, is preparing for an early return to the ring. The champion, who is now on leave in Paris, appeared in an exhibition bout yesterday, displaying his old-time punch and skill. He has been matched for a 15-round bout with Bomb Smith, a British heavyweight. They will box this month. Carpentier is still awaiting a reply from the government to Rickard's request for permission for the boxer to visit the United States.

MANY AWARDS MADE IN POULTRY SHOW

Considerable Interest Continues to Be Manifested on Second Day of Exhibition at Market Building.

Good interest is being manifested in the poultry show being held by the South Vancouver Island Poultry Association in the market building, the attendance yesterday on the second day of the show being very gratifying. Following are the awards of the judges made yesterday:

Single Comb Brown Leghorns—Wm. Kiers, Duncan, all awards.
Single Comb Buff Leghorns—W. E. Nachtrieb, all awards.
Single Comb White Leghorns—Cock: 1st, Wm. Bryden, Victoria; 2nd, E. Henderson, Victoria; 3rd, R. Waterhouse, Langford, B.C. Hen, 1st, J. J. Douglas, Cobble Hill; 2nd, Robert Bryden, Victoria; Cockerel: 1st, J. J. Douglas, Cobble Hill; 2nd, Wm. Kiers, Duncan; pullet: 1st, J. J. Douglas, Cobble Hill.

Single Comb Anconas—Mrs. Rudd, Victoria. All awards.
Single Comb Black Minorcas—Cock: 1st, Seaview Poultry Yards, Victoria; 2nd, Seaview Poultry Yards, Victoria; Cockerel: 1st, Seaview Poultry Yards, Victoria; 2nd, Seaview Poultry Yards, Victoria.

Rose Comb Black Minorcas—Cock: 1st, Chas. Ingram, Victoria; 2nd, Andrew Wood, Victoria; Hen, 1st, Andrew Wood, Victoria; 2nd, Chas. Ingram, Victoria; Cockerel: 1st, Chas. Ingram, Victoria; 2nd, Andrew Wood, Victoria; Pullet: 1st, Chas. Ingram, Victoria; 2nd, Andrew Wood, Victoria.

Black Orpingtons—W. H. Williams, Victoria. All awards.
White Orpingtons—James Hughes, Victoria. All awards.
Blue Orpingtons—A. A. Van Arum, Victoria. All awards.

Dark Cornish—Cock: 1st, J. Lock & Sons, Esquimalt; 2nd, W. E. Nachtrieb, Victoria; 3rd, Sam Smith, Victoria; Hen, 1st and 2nd, J. Lock & Sons, Victoria; 3rd, W. E. Nachtrieb, Victoria; Cockerel: 1st, J. Lock & Sons, Esquimalt; Pullet, 1st and 2nd, J. Lock & Sons, Esquimalt.

Favours—J. Sarsat, Maywood, all awards.
Pit Games—Sam Smith, Victoria, all awards.
Bantams, Black Red Game—Melvin Henderson, Victoria, all awards.
White Cochins—Bantams—Melville Cornett, Victoria, all awards.

Buff Cochins—Bantams—Hen, 1st and 2nd, Homer Caviness, Victoria; Cockerel: 1st, Homer Caviness, Victoria; 2nd, Howard Nachtrieb, Victoria; Pullet: 1st, Howard Nachtrieb, Victoria.
Old English Game Bantams—Marie E. West, Victoria, all awards.

Black Cochins—Bantams—Cock: 1st, Selden Calvert, Victoria; 2nd, Homer Caviness, Victoria; 3rd, Melville Cornett, Victoria; Hen: 1st, Alice Pye, Victoria; 2nd, Homer Caviness, Victoria; 3rd, Melville Cornett, Victoria; Cockerel: 1st, Alice Pye, Victoria; 2nd, Melville Cornett, Victoria; Pullet: 1st, Alice Pye, Victoria; 2nd, Melville Cornett, Victoria.

Any Other Variety Bantams—Sikles: Selden Calvert, Victoria, all awards.
Golden Sebright: Colin McPady, Victoria. All awards.
Pigeons—Homers—Alice Pye, Victoria. All awards.

Canaries—Wm. Pye, Victoria, B.C. All awards.
Any Other Variety of Poultry—Stell: Buttercup—Cock: 1st, J. J. Douglas, Cobble Hill; 2nd, W. J. Jenkins, Vancouver, B.C.; Hen, 1st, W. J. Jenkins, Vancouver, B.C.; 2nd and 3rd, E. W. Ellis, Victoria. Cockerel, 1st and 5th, W. C. Jenkins, Vancouver; 2nd, Havers & Aitken, Shawinigan Lake; 3rd and 4th, E. W. Ellis, Victoria; pullet, 1st and 2nd, W. C. Jenkins, Vancouver; 3rd, Havers & Aitken, Shawinigan Lake; 4th, E. W. Ellis, Victoria.

Exhibition Fees
Barred Rocks—Johnson Graham, Victoria.
Buff Orpingtons—Jas. Hood, Victoria.
Blue Orpingtons—W. H. Van Arum, Victoria.

Single Comb Black Minorcas: 1st, Seaview Poultry Farm.
Rose Comb Black Minorcas—1st, Andrew Wood, Victoria; 2nd, Chas. Ingram, Victoria.
Single Comb White Leghorns—1st, J. J. Douglas, Cobble Hill.

Dark Cornish—J. Lock & Sons, Esquimalt.
White Cornish—F. Buxton, Rod Hill.
Italian Buttercup—Havers & Aitken, Shawinigan Lake.

BOWLING LEAGUE RESULTS
A junior league bowling match was rolled last night at the Arcade Alley between the Cameron Lumber Co. and Garrison teams, ending in favor of the former, the scores being as follows:

Cameron Lumber Co.
J. Mitchell 122 176 122
B. Cameron 129 161 112
G. Dickson 148 154 116
B. Hanna 130 125 114
Totals 529 656 495-1,580
Garrison
Taylor 125 116 122
Gardner 74 124 89
Hollins 110 77 83
White 168 89 99
Totals 417 466 392-1,215

The next junior league match will be rolled on Monday next between the Toggery Shop and the B. C. Motors. In the Commercial League the Garrison and Pirata teams meet tonight.

MEREDITH'S CASE
WILL BE EXAMINED
Ted Meredith, world's greatest middle distance runner, is in danger of losing his amateur standing because he allowed his name to be used over a story that appeared on a New York sporting page. This is in violation of the constitution of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States.

While Meredith's breach is cause for disbarment, the rule grants the board of governors power to pardon him for the offence upon its being shown to the satisfaction of the board that he has ceased to commit any of the acts set down in the clause dealing with the offence. It is certain that Meredith's breach of the rules will be investigated.

LONGBOAT REPORTED TRAINING FOR RACES

TORONTO, Jan. 4.—Those who followed Tom Longboat through his ramifications as a private and non-commissioned officer in the Sportmen's battalion, now training in England, will perhaps not be surprised to read the following message which has been received here:

"Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian long distance runner, is reported at Hot Springs, Ark., in training for professional races, one of which may be held in Madison Square Gardens, New York, February next, against Alfred Shrubbs and several other prominent runners."

Hanlon Knocks Out Russell
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—Jimmy Hanlon, of Denver, knocked out Frankie Russell, of New Orleans, in the 16th round of a scheduled 20-round fight here tonight. Hanlon's right hook to the point of Russell's jaw, followed by a left to his stomach, produced the knockout. Russell was outstaged in all but five rounds. Both men are lightweights. Russell was a claimant of the southern championship in his division.

Sporting Writer Dies
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 3.—Alexander M. Gilliam, for more than 25 years sporting editor of the Philadelphia Record and a sporting writer of national reputation, died tonight at his home here. He had been ill with pneumonia for one week and was about 55 years old.

WOULD PRESS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE WORK

Speakers Before Rotary Club Sound Optimistic Note and Urge Effort Be Made to Improve Opportunities.

The Rotary Club has been asked to take a decided stand in regard to the matter of the failure of the city council to provide a fund for the continuation of the work of the Development Association, and for the reconsideration of the weekly half-holiday question. The matter was put in the form of a notice of motion by Rotarian F. H. Higgs at yesterday's meeting of the club, and will come up for consideration at the meeting to be held next week. In introducing the subject the speaker recalled that the Rotary Club had stoutly supported the work of the association and by its efforts in a practical way had, however made possible a broader undertaking, which had profited the city to a considerable extent.

The spirit of Rotary was constructive. Was it going to stand by and allow a destructive spirit to take hold of the city? Did the club think it advisable, without entering a protest, to allow a movement to wipe out the good that had already been done, and do away with the organization which was in a position to extend its beneficial work? He did not think so, and he thought that of all times it was now opportune that the city should undertake a serious effort to be of assistance to itself. The short address was punctuated by outbursts of assent from the meeting.

The notice of motion followed closely on a pronounced note of optimism sounded by Rotarian J. Carl Pendray, who was speaking from the experience of his own company pointing to prosperity in 1917. Mr. Pendray had said in conclusion: "We are right now confronted by great possibilities if we have a mind to go out to improve them. Conditions were never so bright. I am speaking now particularly of the possibilities of trade extension in the districts, where resources have been copiously realized. Now is the time when we should get out and advertise our wares, for we are sure of getting results. I know what I am speaking about, for I am speaking from the experience of my own company. I believe that anyone who advocates no advertising for the city of Victoria at this time is advising the citizenship of this community to make a retrograde step."

Prosperity Near at Hand

Mr. Pendray said that, in response to the glowing reports sent in by the company's representatives in the province of Alberta, he had decided to inspect the territory personally. This he had done and the state of prosperity in the districts he had visited had been a revelation to him. This was particularly true of the southern portion of the province, where the wheat yield last season was phenomenal. One farm of 4,000 acres, he recalled, was credited with a yield of 50 bushels to the acre, or a probable income of \$300,000 for the one season. The farmers everywhere were possessed of more money than they knew what to do with. They were erecting new improvements on their farms and purchasing all manner of luxuries. It had been almost impossible for the motor car builders to keep pace with the extraordinary demand in that one section. He had been at once convinced that his company should institute a big publicity campaign for the sale of its products. This had been done and the results greatly exceeded the expectations. His factory was now the most prominent landmark by the accumulation of orders. He believed that the city of Victoria, rather than eliminate the \$7,000 appropriation for advertising the city, should make a grant of \$70,000, or even more.

Rotarian J. A. Cunningham, who is a member of the Vancouver Club, and was at yesterday's meeting of the local body as a guest, was invited by President Abell to speak. What he said was to encourage the previous speakers in their effort to give wide knowledge to the possibilities which were now largely being overlooked. He suggested that there should be an even wider scope to the campaign to promote the best interests of communities, conceived on the basis that the development of the province as a whole was the matter of first importance to all the communities of British Columbia. As president of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association he was speaking from the viewpoint of an organization which had already made a long stride in that direction for the betterment of all the cities represented in the association. British Columbia, he believed, was the greatest province in the Dominion, and the people should get the B. C. spirit. This was a particularly important position to take in regard to the development of the great iron and coal resources of the region, which should now be an active asset rather than a potentiality. A movement was now on foot to assure a steel industry to this province, and he hoped when the time should come for concerted action in the matter that the Rotary Club should take a progressive position in regard to its promotion.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letters to the Editor will be printed unless they are signed by the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

What is Education?

Sir,—In my pocket dictionary the meaning is given as development. If this is the truth our school system must be wrong, as it only develops our mental faculties. We take a bunch of girls and boys divide them into classes and proceed to teach them very little except book learning. The healthy youngster is kept sitting still all day when exercise is what all young animals naturally take, their brains are prematurely developed, leading to a certain amount of lassitude. At the end of the course you turn out a being who is lacking in energy and the physical qualification that enables him to fight the world.

The more delicate youngster, perhaps, descended from a sire who has been through this mill himself, (you know the type), big head, large eyes and light body and limbs, his education or development ought to be in the open air or manual school. Any extra brain pressure will only end in Westminister or a physical breakdown. After eighteen when the body has its growth, harder work, both mental and physical, can be taken without harm. The coming generation have to face, by present indications, hard manual work. I see by the United States papers a movement is taking place to do away with the educational tests for immigrants, as the demand is for people who can do manual work not mental; the market is overstocked already with the latter. Children might make, mend and wash their clothes, raise vegetables and flowers for their homes and the market, make school furniture and mats for new schools, cook and learn the elements of husbandry, building and manufactures from working models constructed by themselves. The idea of keeping children penned up in a schoolroom when they might be picking fruit and making good wages and learning to work is wrong. I saw three people over sixty this summer picking apples, even sitting down within a mile. Fifty per cent of the school hours passed in sedentary work ought to be the limit, and home lessons only for the older ones, as there are plenty of jobs round the house children can do without worrying their little brains just before sleep.

A good, sound body with the three R's has been, as a rule, all that our most successful industrial workers have started with, and backbone, which is not developed by mental work.

E. MAUDE.

Mayne Island, B. C., January 1, 1917.

To Attract Immigrants.

Sir,—As a resident in Vancouver Island who has been in the Canadian and Imperial armies, and who has now been invalided out of the army on account of wounds, it would interest me, and I have no doubt many others, what the Government proposes to do to influence immigration to Canada.

I know a number of men and officers of the Imperial army who stated that

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If they got through this war they would not be able to settle down in England, but would go to one or other of the colonies. Which colony it is that will get these men depends entirely on the schemes and attractions put forward. I personally, with a few years' experience of farming in England, Africa and British Columbia, think there is no country like Canada and British Columbia, and I would like to see big efforts made to show the people of England what can be produced in Canada and what openings there are for suitable settlers. Some readers may think that with this big war still raging it is too soon to talk of emigration to Canada, but, in my opinion, that is not the case, for besides the able population there are hundreds of men invalided out of the army who would be of valuable assistance in one way or another in British Columbia.

During my two years in the army I have always talked of British Columbia, and more especially of Vancouver Island, and now that I have got back here I have looked immediately to see what encouragement was given to get me back to my home other than the natural desire to be with my family and in the country I love, and I am bound to say that instead of encouragement many difficulties were put forward.

Therefore, what would a man do if he were in England and decided to try a new country? He would naturally see which country would give him the most encouragement, and, from all reports, those countries would be Australia and the U. S. A. I can well believe the reports which have just come to my ears that California is making special efforts to attract ex-army men to that country. Is it not time that this important matter should receive the serious attention of the Government and the support of the press?

C. W. B. HILL.

Bosney Park, Hilliers, B. C., January 1, 1917.

Remember the Armenians.

Sir,—Our Christmas has come and gone, and most of us have spent it more quietly than usual, which is only in keeping with our feelings at this time. Yet this Christmas message of love and joy and goodwill to men has barely reached many hearts. We are all learning something of the duty and the joy of self-sacrifice. We are giving, we are helping continually. May we learn to do so more and more and while we have many to remember, may I once more make my plea on behalf of the starving Armenians—homeless and poor. Do let us make one more effort to help them. Will all who read this just stop and think for ten minutes of their condition, hungry little children, and all that company of people helpless and looking to the kindness of Christians to help them. Please think of them, pray for them, and then give as an offering to God something. Please each one who reads this give something to help feed and care for these people; it will be accepted and blessed. The Saviour will not forget the morsel of bread or the cup of cold water. Please address:

MRS. CAROLINE MACHLIM,
1128 Town Street, Victoria, B. C.,
January 1, 1917.

A Convalescent Home

Sir,—On a recent trip up the Island I had the opportunity of seeing the very fine hotel at Qualicum Beach, but naturally under present conditions and in this winter season there are few visitors there, and it occurred to me that it would be a very good place for our wounded convalescents. Probably the same idea has occurred to others who have a better chance than I have of putting forward the suggestion to those in authority, and I think you may be willing to ventilate the subject in your columns and thus ascertain if the proposition is a feasible one and meets with general approval.

ALFRED EMBERTON,
1007 Collinson Street, Victoria, B. C.,
January 3, 1917.

Water Cures

Sir,—Last week the Oak Bay Council held their annual meeting and, while reporting a satisfactory year and prosperous finances, considerable importance seemed to be attached to the remarkably small quantity of water used in the municipality during the year. Is it possible that there may be a water cure for the lamentable sufferings of the Victoria taxpayers? Before hastily agreeing to the rather involved and hazardous financial schemes for relief lately suggested, it might be well to give the water cure a trial. If all agreed, for six months say, to restrict themselves to one wash a day and a hot bath once a month, who can say what the result might be.

MOUNT EDWARDS, Victoria, B. C., Jan. 2, 1917.

Saturday Half-Holiday

Sir,—It's a funny thing, but it seems to me that you are the only individual that can see this so-called growing feeling of opposition to the Saturday half-holiday. Nobody else seems to, and it is very evident from page 7 of the Colonist that the general public must be well contented too, for only nine persons had the enthusiasm to sign a petition asking for another referendum—a petition that was instigated by three independent merchants—and they had not even got the united fellowship of the Retail Merchants' Association.

By the way, the week before Christmas there was considerable talk in your paper about the Retail Merchants' Association canvassing the merchants to ask for their opinion re the subject. Since then they have, through the press, announced their intention not to ask for a referendum, which proves conclusively that the majority of the small as well as the larger stores are perfectly satisfied with the Saturday.

That a few amendments to the bill are necessary no one will dispute—not even a clerk. All we desire is that such amendments may be made that will eliminate any needless cause for friction between employers and employees, so that such despicable instances as occurred on the Saturday before Christmas last will not be repeated.

ALBERT PORTER.

530 Rithet Street, Victoria, B. C., January 4, 1917.

Sancti School Board

Sir,—I notice a letter in your issue of December 30 from J. L. Brooks, chairman of the Sancti School Board, stating by implication that there was no necessity for Mr. George McGregor coming out as a candidate for school trustees "to straighten out difficulties regarding Chivers and Tillman estates, as all these difficulties have been overcome." Permit me to say that Mr. McGregor has not sought the office of trustee but has reluctantly consented to become a candidate at the very urgent

request of a large number of the ratepayers through the municipality.

I am glad to be able to state that the location of the Tillman school appears to have been satisfactorily arranged, but no credit is due to Mr. Brooks, as it has been brought about in spite of his most stubborn opposition, principally through the efforts of Trustees Watson and Davidson. For the last two or three years the ratepayers of the Gorge district have been pressing the School Board for a school as it was urgently required. The municipality had voted the money for the purchase of a site and the government had promised the amount required for the building, but the majority of the present School Board persisted in their endeavor to locate it on low ground, a public highway, near two lines of railway and away from the bulk of the people requiring a school. Now, on the eve of an election for Mr. Brooks to

try to give the impression that every-thing is satisfactory and to appear to expect credit for what someone else has done looks like a case of "don't shoot, I'll come down."

The secretary of the board (who is also a trustee) appears to have seen a great light and has also come down. A few months ago she issued an ultimatum to the effect that if we did not like the site where they choose to place the school it would be built at Quadra or somewhere else, and so far as she was concerned her decision was final. This appears to be another case of parties holding representative positions getting the idea that they are the masters and not the servants of those who elect them.

Owing to the arbitrary and inexplicable course of these trustees the erection of this school has been delayed a French, Spanish, Goulm method. Sprott-Shaw Institute.

year. Totmie School has been overcrowded and many of the children have had to walk through the rain over a mile further than they ought.

H. S. THOMPSON,
The Gorge, Victoria, B. C.,
January 2, 1917.

No Saturday Half-Holiday

Sir,—At last you have admitted that the late Government served up some exceptional legislation, and while you are advocating the abolition or change of the holiday legislation, why not look up some of the other laws that were put into force to catch votes.

There is not a particle of doubt that the late Premier gave us the Saturday half-holiday as it seemed to be the most popular theme at the time and was likely to catch many votes.

If you will insist that the people are sick of closing the stores on Saturday, why is it that there is not to be

another referendum on it. Three of our Wednesday agitators went into the matter thoroughly, and you say in another part of your paper that they were only successful in securing about nine illegible signatures. If it had been the reverse I'll guarantee I could secure fifty signatures myself in favor of Saturday. It strikes me very forcibly that if the people are sick of this movement, as you say, they should have seen to it that their names were on the petition. Why is it that the Retail Merchants' Association do not fall into your views? Can't you look far enough ahead and write something that will appeal to the public, employers and employees? The only way to do this is to have an unbiased mind—free from prejudice.

EDWARD EVANS,
1221 Pandora Street, Victoria,
January 4, 1917.

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CANDIDATES PROMISE CIVIC EFFICIENCY

Municipal Problems Discussed at Campaign Meeting of Retrenchment Association Last Night.

There is to be efficiency and economy in the conduct of the business of the City of Victoria during 1917, whether Alderman Porter or Alderman Todd is elected mayor. Both candidates made solemn promises to this effect at the campaign meeting held in the Old Victoria Theatre last night by the Civic Retrenchment Association.

The two majority candidates were the chief speakers, and answered several questions on municipal politics asked by the association. Only a couple hundred persons attended the meeting. Most of the aldermanic candidates appeared on the platform, but were not given a chance to speak.

"This association gets communications from all sorts of people, many of whom seem to think that we are a partisan organization," said Mr. P. J. O'Reilly, president, "who was chairman of the meeting. First of all I want to make it plain tonight that we are not anything of the kind, but are joined together for mutual protection as taxpayers, and to back up efforts in economy in civic management. This meeting tonight is not called in the interests of any party or candidate. This association is not putting up any candidate for mayor or alderman, but we are here simply in the interests of the taxpayers of Victoria, and for the purpose of hearing the two candidates for election to the office of mayor explain their views on city affairs, and answer certain questions put to them."

"As to the work of the association, of course we cannot of ourselves effect economies and reforms in the city government, but feel convinced that a great deal of credit is due to us for the way that taxation has been reduced annually in the last two years."

"We have been constantly hammering at the City Council on all kinds of subjects, and in a great many instances with success. "But here again comes one of the chief things I want to impress upon you tonight, and that is that this association is not antagonistic to anyone or any class of people, and will welcome you, one and all, to join us in our discussions. We are only working for what we think is the good of the city at large. We have been accused of meddling in minor matters, but there are so many small leaks, and the old saying, 'Look after the pence and the pounds will look after themselves,' is a good one."

"About two years ago we were told by the city authorities that further economy was impossible in administering the city's affairs. Yet in spite of that fact some half a million dollars was clipped off the estimates for the

year 1915, and another one-quarter of a million or over for 1916. And we understand a further reduction will be made this year. But this is not enough when we know that about 40 per cent of the general taxes for 1916 have not been paid, and the same was the case in 1914 and 1915.

"The result to date is, though we cannot get accurate figures of how far the city is behind, including local improvement taxes, about two and a quarter million dollars, which will have to be found somehow."

"We have been asked to suggest a remedy. There are temporary remedies, such as borrowing, etc., but the best remedy is to cut our coat to our cloth, and go in for retrenchment, and make our expenditures balance our receipts."

Responsible for Expenditures
Before Mr. F. Landsberg, an officer of the association, launched forth on civic affairs, he made a statement about himself.

"Friends of mine have been meeting me on the street and saying 'look here, Landsberg, you had better keep out of these public affairs at this time or they will turn you out.' Mr. Landsberg told the meeting, 'Well, they may turn the name of Landsberg, of which I am not too proud, but they will never turn a man born and raised under the flag of Russia, one of the strongest nations of the Allies.'"

Mr. Landsberg here produced a passport issued to him by the Russian Government when he left for Canada in 1910. He passed this out for public inspection. The passport shows he was born in the district of Kiev.

Mr. Landsberg continued by declaring that the Civic Retrenchment Association has justified itself by getting a reduction of \$500,000 in the cost of running the city in 1915. He took credit to the organization for the reduction from \$14,570 in 1914 to \$4,433 in 1915 in the cost of the police department, \$297,667 to \$244,000 in the upkeep of the public schools, \$17,419 to \$7,428 in the yearly cost of the legal department of the city at the City Hall, and \$150,484 to \$129,478 in the year's maintenance of the fire department.

He asserted that even now there was room for retrenchment in the expenditure on several city departments. He quoted figures placing the per capita upkeep of the police in Victoria at \$2.11 and the fire protection at \$3.50, which was nearly twice the figures quoted for some cities of Western Canada and the United States. The per capita cost of the police and fire departments he gave as follows: Victoria, \$2.11 and \$3.50; Winnipeg, \$1.80 and \$1.60; London, Ont., \$1.11 and \$1; Tacoma, \$1.27 and \$1.65; Seattle, \$1.75 and \$2.59; Portland, \$1.74 and \$1.59; Spokane, \$1.70 and \$1.47.

"What we are trying to bring before the City Council is to run the city as any man would run his business," continued Mr. Landsberg. "We have one object in view to go about and show how economy can be established. We are not antagonistic to the city workers. All we want is that the citizens get one dollar's worth of goods and service for each dollar they spend."

Mr. William Jackson urged everyone to join the Civic Retrenchment Association. "By having a large membership we can make the mayor and alder-

men sit up and take notice of what we want," he said. "The people are to blame for present conditions because of their apathy to civic affairs. The time has come for all of us to wake up."

Formers Smaller Council

Alderman Porter said that civic government could be improved by having a City Council of not more than five members, to act in an advisory capacity to a city manager. The audience applauded him for this suggestion.

He reviewed his work in the Council as chairman of the streets committee. He also had played an active part in the installation of the underground conduit system for the telephone wires, and the securing of assessments for the northwest sewer.

He explained that the members of the Council could not be held responsible for the expenditures on the police department or public schools. The police expenditures are regulated solely by the Board of Police Commissioners and those on public schools by the School Board, and the city has to pay the bills.

The alderman in detail related some of the activities of the council and the committees of which he was a member during the last couple of years. He explained that many of the assessment delinquency troubles were due to the excessive awards made for expropriations of property frontage for street improvements. In many cases property has been expropriated on only one side of the street. The property owners have been paid in cash for this property at exorbitant rates, while the owners on the other side of the street have to bear half the expense and get no money from the city. He said he would try to have this condition of affairs adjusted.

Dealing with the questions put to him by the Civic Retrenchment Association, Alderman Porter said he favored the city borrowing money on overdrafts as is done in other cities to relieve the overburdened taxpayers. He also favored a revision of the assessments and possibly a new city assessment on the basis of \$1,000,000 for each 1,000 inhabitants, as the present assessments are very unfair; also complete publicity at the city hall and the privilege of every citizen to get any information there that he wants; the postponement of all tax sales until after the war; provision for the equalization of assessments after the higher courts have passed on them so that the tax burden may not be shifted from one property owner who may appeal to the many who do not; an amendment to the Municipal Act so that no local improvement may be undertaken without a majority petition of the property owners interested; and the strictest economy in municipal affairs.

Must Solve Tax Problems
Alderman Todd declared that if the expenditure on the legal department in 1916 had been \$60,000, with sound law instead of the \$6,000 which it actually was, it would have saved the taxpayers of the City many thousands of dollars.

"In our fire department we have the very finest fire department in Canada," he went on. "What we now need is a reduction in fire insurance rates. If we as citizens save in fire insurance premiums, we can well afford to maintain our very excellent department."

Answering the questions of the Civic Retrenchment Association, Alderman Todd pointed out that every individual property owner is responsible for the payment of the unpaid charges for local improvements. He said it became obvious last fall that one scheme would not solve the delinquency in both local improvement and expropriation charges. Accordingly, the tax delinquency committee was formed in September, and this is now carrying out its work trying to find a solution. On many lots in the city assessed at under \$1,000, there are yearly charges of \$500 for the next 10 years. He quoted instances where properties in all parts of the city are burdened with annual charges to an amount greater than their assessments.

"There are two ways we can deal with this question," he continued. "We can take this property over at tax sales and carry it for ten, twenty or twenty-five years and pay the interest and charges on the property, which will have to be assumed by the body of citizens as a whole."

"This would be disastrous not only to the speculators, but to people who have lived here many years. Or we can work out some scheme through our delinquency tax committee that would be fair to all."

He said he was in favor of a new assessment on a basis of population, but having regard to the quality of the population in Victoria and the fact that people here own much property in comparison to some Eastern industrial centres. He said he favored the regular publication of the city's balance sheet and a court of equalization to adjust assessments after they have been passed on by the higher courts on the appeal of the property owners. He asserted that it was often a hindrance to have the city bound to the Union of B. C. Municipalities as Victoria, much the largest city of the union, is opposed in many of its schemes by the other members of the organization.

He said the members of the City Council should have some of the credit, claimed by the Civic Retrenchment Association, for the reduction in the civic expenditures.

"During the last year we as members of the Council have been skating on very thin ice, as we never knew six months ahead how our money would come in," continued Alderman Todd. "If we are to pull through we will need the earnest co-operation of the citizens. After the war is over, we will be all right and wonder what we were worrying about at this time."

Both Alderman Porter and Todd in reply to a question from Mr. Landsberg said that the interests of the city were often blocked by association with the Union of B. C. Municipalities. Alderman Todd declared in favor of leaving the union and forming a closer association with the municipalities of Vancouver Island.

Costs Comparisons Unfair
Alderman Fullerton, chairman of the

fire wardens, took objection to Mr. Landsberg's criticism of the cost of the upkeep of the Victoria fire department. He said the figures given for the per capita cost of the Victoria department were inaccurate, as they were not up to date and included the extraordinary outlay in 1911 and the years following for the reorganization of the department under Chief Davis and the cost of purchasing almost an entire new equipment. The city will be saved nearly \$15,000 this year, he said, through the connecting up of the salt water high pressure system with the Sooke Lake supply. This has already resulted in a reduction of more than \$1,000 on fire insurance rates on Douglas Street property, the dispensing with the services of half a dozen firemen and engineers and two engines, closing down the Yates Street pumping station and increasing the general efficiency of the protection, making it the best department in Canada.

This increased efficiency, Alderman Fullerton continued gives Victoria a claim for a further reduction of fire insurance rates, which the fire wardens have been pressing for for some time, and which is likely to be granted in the near future. He pointed out that last year Victoria property owners paid \$216,000 in fire insurance premiums, while the total fire losses in the city for the year was only \$29,000.

Alderman Bell pointed out the Victoria department was charged with \$40,000 a year for water, while it uses not more than \$500 in water. In most other cities there is no such charge against the department. This makes the per capita cost comparison unfair.

ANSWERING CALL TO NATIONAL SERVICE
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ing of the cards is optional with the recipients, it does not constitute an offering of the cards. Under the code, it is an offence to do anything calculated to impede recruiting, but the case in question does not come under that category.

It is understood that the organized labor bodies of the city are leaving their members free to sign the cards or not, as their conscience dictates. The action of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in endorsing the appeal of the Government that the cards be signed will, it is anticipated, go a long way to induce laboring men generally to comply with the request.

Heads of all responsible bodies in the city are actively co-operating with the Government in the endeavor to have National Service week generally observed, and the support given by the pastors of the various churches, who have made special appeals from their pulpits will, it is felt, have a big influence in the right direction.

MONTREAL PAPERS
Daily Mail and Evening News Continue Publication as Result of New Arrangement

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—The Daily Mail and The Evening News, the former a morning and the latter an afternoon newspaper, suspension of publication of both which was announced yesterday morning, will continue to be issued. This is announced in the editorial columns of The Daily Mail this morning. Nothing could be learned beyond the sense of the publishers' announcement, which reads as follows:

"Negotiations are in progress for continuing The Daily Mail and The Evening News under the former control and management. The success of the negotiations which have been in progress for the last 24 hours, will enable The Daily Mail and The Evening News to print larger and better newspapers than heretofore, and place the property on a strong financial basis."

PORTLAND STRIKE
Efforts to Reach Settlement to Be Made at Conference Fixed for Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4.—Through initiative taken by City Commissioner George L. Baker, arrangements were made today for a conference to be held tomorrow between the striking shipbuilders of the Northwest Steel Company and their employees, looking to a settlement of the differences. A similar effort made by Commissioner Baker to bring the Willamette Iron & Steel Company and its striking men together was not so successful, although negotiations were still pending tonight with some prospects of success.

The conference at the Northwest Steel Company's works was agreed to on the stipulation by the company that the closed shop was to remain out of the question, and by the strikers that representatives of the union and council were to accompany them to the conference in an advisory capacity. The Willamette Iron & Steel Company refused to admit representatives of unions, but agreed to allow the strikers to take an attorney with them. Commissioner Baker suggested that attorney Oswald West act as attorney for the strikers, and the suggestion was accepted by the company, but the strikers took it under advisement.

CURTAILING TRAVEL
Out in Passenger Train Service on All Railways to Reduce Congestion of Freight Traffic

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—A wholesale cut in the passenger train service of Canada is being worked out here by operating heads of the railways assembled from all parts of the Dominion, working with Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission.

The demand for freight service for motive power led to the conference. For months there has been congestion of traffic and difficulty encountered in moving grain and war munitions from inland factories to Atlantic ports.

With the approval of the Government the companies will announce within a week the cancellation of many trains. This train economy applied to the whole country will place hundreds of locomotives at the disposal of the freight service. All railways will make the cut, including those owned by the Government.

Matriculation at Winnipeg
WINNIPEG, Jan. 4.—The question of modified matriculation requirements, which has been the ground for much sharp discussion among local educationists for some months past, was settled for the time being this afternoon, when by a vote of 15 to 14 the university council decided to retain the present two-language standard of entrance to the university.

GOWEN'S NEW YEAR'S SALE

Notwithstanding the brisk demand during the first few days of our sale, we are still in a position to offer a magnificent and

Complete Selection of Suits, Overcoats and Rainproof Coats

War conditions are not allowed to affect the superior qualities of our

"Fashion Craft" Clothes

They are now—as they always were—produced from the finest materials, fashioned in the most correct styles, and finished to equal the most expensive made-to-measure suit.

Prices Are Cut to the Last Cent—Qualities Defy Comparison—Do Not Fail to Seize This Unparalleled Money-Saving Opportunity

\$22 Suits for ... \$15 \$30 Suits for ... \$22
\$25 Suits for ... \$18 \$35 Suits for ... \$27

Overcoats

Nifty in style, fashionable and attractive materials

Values to \$25 for \$18
Values to \$30 for \$22

Aquascutum Rainproof Coats

12 only

Regular \$25, Now \$18

Tweed Waterproof Coats

Regular \$16 and \$20
Now \$12 and \$14

Ten Suits for Friday Only

Value to \$35 for \$10

F. A. GOWEN

1107 GOVERNMENT STREET
Opposite C.P.R. Ticket Office

Ready for You Today at The Bootery's Sensational CLOSING-OUT SALE

The Bootery's great sacrifice of fine footwear drew hundreds of shoppers to the big Government Street store yesterday. Today will see a repetition of yesterday's activity, for the depleted racks and tables have been re-filled with bargains from the immense stock which is slated for a rapid disposal.

Bear in Mind the Quality of Our Stock When You Read These Prices

25 Pairs Men's Boots
Extra quality tan Calfskin Oxfords, Blucher button style. Reg. \$6.00.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$3.75**

32 Pairs Men's Boots
Nice quality Velour Calfskin, in either straight or swing last; slip sole. Reg. at \$7.50.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$6.00**

15 Pairs Men's Boots
Velour Calfskin Boots, in smart, dressy last, single sole, button style. Reg. at \$7.50.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$5.75**

17 Pairs Men's Boots
Patent Blucher Oxfords, in all sizes and widths. Reg. at \$6.00.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$3.75**

23 Pairs Ladies' Boots
Dull Kid Boots, with 8-in. tops; novelty pattern, finished with smart buttons. Reg. at \$6.50.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$5.00**

20 Pairs Ladies' Boots
Patent Boots, with white nubuck top in novelty effect; leather Louis heel. Reg. at \$7.00.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$5.00**

20 Pairs Walk-Over Boots
Extra fine russet calf (tan); lacing style, with 8 in. white or champagne kid washable tops. Reg. at \$10.00.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$7.75**

20 Pairs Boys' Boots
Fine mahogany calfskin, slip sole Bluchers; sizes 11 to 13½. Reg. \$4.00.
Now..... **\$3.00**
Sizes 1 to 3. Reg. \$4.50. Now..... **\$3.50**

40 Pairs Ladies' Boots
Smart Glazed Kid Boots, with 8-in. tops, leather Louis heels and medium sole. Reg. at \$6.50.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$4.75**

120 Pairs Ladies' Evening Slippers
A beautiful assortment of patent or dull kid styles; all sizes and widths. Reg. to \$6.00.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$4.50**

60 Pairs Ladies' Pumps
Fetching styles in all nubuck or nubuck with patent vamp; instep strap. Reg. \$6.00.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$3.50**

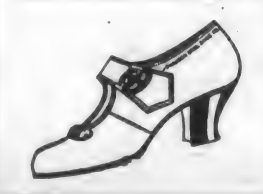
10 Pairs Extra Fine Brown Kid Lacing Boots
Vamps of brown oozie calf; satin lined; full Louis heel; 8½-in. top. Reg. at \$14.00.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$10.00**

10 Pairs Walk-Over Duo-Tone Lacing Boots
Washable Grey Kid; 9-in. tops, covered Louis heels. Reg. at \$12.50.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$8.75**

25 Pairs Walk-Over Patent Balm
Washable 8½-in. white kid tops; leather Louis heels; Goodyear welted. Reg. \$10.00.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$7.75**

55 Pairs Ladies' Pumps
An assortment of fresh new styles in patent leather or gunmetal calfskin; Goodyear welted soles. Reg. at \$6.00.
CLOSING-OUT SALE..... **\$4.00**

THE BOOTERY
1111 GOVERNMENT STREET
Next to Kirkham's



45 Pairs Girls' Boots
This is an assorted offering, which includes several of our best lines in patent leather and fine calf. Reg. \$3.75 and \$4.50.
CLOSING-OUT SALE **\$3.00**

LAST 1916 DRAFT OF R.N.C.V.R. LEAVES

Party of 24 Going Today on Overseas Service—Call to Young Men to Fill Their Places.

Recruiting for the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve is reported to be not nearly so good as it should be, and a large number of young men in the city who might easily give their services in either the Pacific or Atlantic subdivisions, if they do not care to volunteer for overseas service with the Imperial Navy, are asked to seriously consider the responsibility that rests upon them in the present crisis.

Young men of good character and physique are required in the above force. Candidates must be the sons of natural born British subjects, and no previous sea experience is necessary. Applicants must be, for seamen, 18 to 20 years of age, and stokers from 18 to 25 years of age. Free kits are provided by the naval authorities at Esquimalt, and men are placed on the same rate of pay and separation allowance as the men in the ranks of the army.

No better training could be obtained by young men anywhere than in this branch of the service. The life is attractive and full of excitement, and it is felt that young men of spirit whose attention is drawn to the great necessity of assisting the cause in this direction will readily come forward and offer themselves as candidates. Application may be made to Petty Officer Otter, who is in charge of the recruiting office at 1205 Broad Street, or to the naval authorities at Esquimalt.

Returns are not yet available as to the total number of men recruited for this service throughout Canada up to December 31, 1916, but it was requested that Canada should raise 2,000 before that date of the 5,000 recruits promised Great Britain.

The last draft of the 1916 recruits raised in this district has been outfitted at Esquimalt and is leaving on this afternoon's boat for Vancouver. The members will proceed immediately to England, where they will receive a thorough training and will shortly afterwards be attached to different vessels in the service of the Imperial Navy. The draft leaving today includes: H. H. Res, H. E. Burke, T. L. Helliwell, A. E. Webster, A. Harland, J. Hinkman, R. A. Hewlett, J. R. Wilson, T. Morton, J. H. Plint, R. D. Jones, J. Cunness, D. Delhouse, W. Mann, S. L. Tyrrell, William Chew, G. Burton, W. Garrihy, A. Blair, M. McDonald, E. S. Dolhenty, W. E. Baker, E. Morrison and R. E. Wilcox.

VESSELS OVERDUE

The British steamer Waitatara, of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, which was due to arrive at Vancouver last Friday from Australia with a cargo of nitrates and copra, is expected to pass up the gulf at any time. It is thought that she must have run into some of the heavy weather that has been reported in the Pacific.

The Japanese freighter Shintu Maru, under charter to French, Waterhouse & Co., which was due at Vancouver on January 3, with about 1,100 tons of rice, beans and Oriental merchandise, from the Orient, is also expected to put in any appearance very shortly.

This oil tanker Lansing, with oil for the Union Oil Company, was due at Vancouver yesterday from Port San Luis. It is quite likely that these vessels will have passed up the gulf during the night or early this morning.

TIDES AT VICTORIA

Date	Time of High Water	Time of Low Water	Time of High Water	Time of Low Water
Jan. 5	1:58 A.M.	8:54 A.M.	1:58 P.M.	8:54 P.M.
Jan. 6	2:58 A.M.	9:54 A.M.	2:58 P.M.	9:54 P.M.
Jan. 7	3:58 A.M.	10:54 A.M.	3:58 P.M.	10:54 P.M.
Jan. 8	4:58 A.M.	11:54 A.M.	4:58 P.M.	11:54 P.M.
Jan. 9	5:58 A.M.	12:54 P.M.	5:58 P.M.	12:54 P.M.
Jan. 10	6:58 A.M.	1:54 P.M.	6:58 P.M.	1:54 P.M.
Jan. 11	7:58 A.M.	2:54 P.M.	7:58 P.M.	2:54 P.M.
Jan. 12	8:58 A.M.	3:54 P.M.	8:58 P.M.	3:54 P.M.
Jan. 13	9:58 A.M.	4:54 P.M.	9:58 P.M.	4:54 P.M.
Jan. 14	10:58 A.M.	5:54 P.M.	10:58 P.M.	5:54 P.M.
Jan. 15	11:58 A.M.	6:54 P.M.	11:58 P.M.	6:54 P.M.
Jan. 16	12:58 P.M.	7:54 P.M.	12:58 P.M.	7:54 P.M.
Jan. 17	1:58 P.M.	8:54 P.M.	1:58 P.M.	8:54 P.M.
Jan. 18	2:58 P.M.	9:54 P.M.	2:58 P.M.	9:54 P.M.
Jan. 19	3:58 P.M.	10:54 P.M.	3:58 P.M.	10:54 P.M.
Jan. 20	4:58 P.M.	11:54 P.M.	4:58 P.M.	11:54 P.M.
Jan. 21	5:58 P.M.	12:54 A.M.	5:58 P.M.	12:54 A.M.
Jan. 22	6:58 P.M.	1:54 A.M.	6:58 P.M.	1:54 A.M.
Jan. 23	7:58 P.M.	2:54 A.M.	7:58 P.M.	2:54 A.M.
Jan. 24	8:58 P.M.	3:54 A.M.	8:58 P.M.	3:54 A.M.
Jan. 25	9:58 P.M.	4:54 A.M.	9:58 P.M.	4:54 A.M.
Jan. 26	10:58 P.M.	5:54 A.M.	10:58 P.M.	5:54 A.M.
Jan. 27	11:58 P.M.	6:54 A.M.	11:58 P.M.	6:54 A.M.
Jan. 28	12:58 A.M.	7:54 A.M.	12:58 A.M.	7:54 A.M.
Jan. 29	1:58 A.M.	8:54 A.M.	1:58 A.M.	8:54 A.M.
Jan. 30	2:58 A.M.	9:54 A.M.	2:58 A.M.	9:54 A.M.
Jan. 31	3:58 A.M.	10:54 A.M.	3:58 A.M.	10:54 A.M.

The time used in Pacific Standard for the 13th Meridian West. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for high and low water are given in hours and minutes. The figures for high water are given in hours and minutes. The figures for low water are given in hours and minutes.

TIME OF SUNRISE AND SUNSET AT VICTORIA

Date	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Date	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset
Jan. 5	8:09	4:37	Jan. 15	8:09	4:47
Jan. 6	8:09	4:38	Jan. 16	8:09	4:48
Jan. 7	8:09	4:39	Jan. 17	8:09	4:49
Jan. 8	8:09	4:40	Jan. 18	8:09	4:50
Jan. 9	8:09	4:41	Jan. 19	8:09	4:51
Jan. 10	8:09	4:42	Jan. 20	8:09	4:52
Jan. 11	8:09	4:43	Jan. 21	8:09	4:53
Jan. 12	8:09	4:44	Jan. 22	8:09	4:54
Jan. 13	8:09	4:45	Jan. 23	8:09	4:55
Jan. 14	8:09	4:46	Jan. 24	8:09	4:56
Jan. 15	8:09	4:47	Jan. 25	8:09	4:57
Jan. 16	8:09	4:48	Jan. 26	8:09	4:58
Jan. 17	8:09	4:49	Jan. 27	8:09	4:59
Jan. 18	8:09	4:50	Jan. 28	8:09	5:00
Jan. 19	8:09	4:51	Jan. 29	8:09	5:01
Jan. 20	8:09	4:52	Jan. 30	8:09	5:02
Jan. 21	8:09	4:53	Jan. 31	8:09	5:03

The Observatory, Comstock Heights, Victoria.
Another Free Demonstration Gouni Method French and Spanish—Prof. Armand and Schoch, Sprott-Shaw Institute, fourth floor, Pemberton Building, Saturday next, four o'clock, P.M.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12:45 p.m. to the top at 12:55 p.m. and will be dropped at 1 p.m. daily.
S. HAPPEL-DENISON, Superintendent.
The Observatory, Comstock Heights, Victoria.

Draft of Inland Water Transport Goes Overseas



The group of local steamship men who left on Tuesday night's boat on their way East were photographed by flashlight in front of The Colonist office before their departure. Reading from left to right they are: W. H. Turnbull, Marine Engineer; A. W. W. Stevens, Motor Mechanic; W. H. Knowles, Marine Engineer; R. T. Heseltine, Motor Boatman; Peter Drybrough, Mate; A. H. Hawthornwaite, Motor Boatman; Recruiting Sgt. H. W. Fry; J. E. McDonald, Master Mariner; Geo. Sexton, Lighterman; G. Ryman, Motor Boatman, and F. A. Waller, First Mate. Most of these men have given up good positions to serve with the Royal Engineers on the rivers and lakes of Mesopotamia, Egypt, France and elsewhere.

JAPANESE STEAMERS BRING HEAVY CARGOES

Liners Manila Maru and Sado Maru Reach Port From Orient With a Total of 1,386 Tons for Victoria.

Two big Japanese liners from the Far East arrived at the Outer Docks yesterday morning within an hour of each other, the Manila Maru, of the O.S.K. fleet, docking at 10 o'clock and the N.Y.K. steamer Sado Maru at 11 o'clock. Although the Sado Maru left the Japanese coast considerably ahead of the Manila Maru, the latter being a larger and faster vessel managed to overtake the Sado. The Manila arrived at Quarantine at 5 p.m. on Wednesday and the Sado made her appearance at 5 a.m. yesterday, before the O.S.K. steamer had been given pratique. Both vessels were in port all day yesterday unloading their combined local consignments of 1,386 tons of freight. The Sado got away for Seattle at 5 o'clock this morning, but the Manila will not be ready to sail until noon today, and possibly later.

The Manila had a total of 132 passengers, six in the saloon and 127 steerage, and one who reserved his accommodation in the after peak without the knowledge of the company or the ship's officers. The stowaway was discovered on December 30, and he will be returned to the Orient aboard the vessel which he stole his passage across the Pacific. The Manila is discharging 993 tons of freight at Victoria, a portion of which is consigned to Vancouver. Her cargo included 1,403 bales of Yokohama silk and 275 bales of Canton silk, the total value of which is over \$1,100,000.

The N.Y.K. liner Sado Maru brought 157 passengers, 22 first, 20 second, and 115 steerage, of whom one cabin and two steerage were listed for Victoria. The cargo discharged here totalled 482 tons and her through cargo included silk shipments valued at \$1,254,000. The majority of the steerage passengers on both vessels were Russian Jews who are on their way to the United States, and throughout yesterday, while the liners were discharging their cargoes, the grunting and rattling of the winches was mingled with the hearty laughter of these people as they exchanged banter across the narrow intervening strip of water and tossed Japanese oranges with notes tied around them to the young Russian women over the way.

TOURS TO THE NORTH

C. P. R. Makes Arrangements for Its Alaska Traffic Next Summer, Commencing on June 8

Complete arrangements have been made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the sailing of their steamers, the Princesses Charlotte, Alice and Sophia, from Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle to Alaska to cover what is believed will be a more successful tourist season than 1916. These three boats are equipped in the most comfortable, not to say luxurious, style for the accommodation of tourists. Summer tourist service commences June 8, and steamers will leave Victoria every Saturday during June and August, and every Wednesday and Saturday during July.

The company is just sending out to their general agencies in all of the large cities in the United States a descriptive circular replete with all arrangements and dealing not only with itineraries at Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle for handling tourist traffic for Alaska, but also with the opportunities that will be afforded tourists for seeing the sights in the far north, including the White Pass and Yukon route. It is expected this circular will assist agents in directing a large volume of tourist traffic to Alaska during the coming summer season. The circulars will eventually be distributed among all the principal rail line agents in the United States as well as on the C.P.R.'s own

WIRELESS REPORT (By Government Wireless)

6 p.m.
Point Grey—Rain; S. E. light; 29.50; 38; thick.
Cape Lazo—Rain; S. E. fresh; 29.35; 42; sea rough; 11:05 a.m.
Spoke SS. Chelohin, in Selmour Narrows, southbound.
Pachena—Rain; fog; S. E. 29.35; 40; heavy swell.
Estayon—Drizzling; S. E. light; 29.10; 28; sea moderate.
Alert Bay—Rain; S. E. 29.15; 45; sea smooth; 7:45 a.m.
Spoke SS. Dolphin, passed through Seymour Narrows, 3 a.m., northbound.
Triangle—Fog; drizzling rain; W. light; 29.35; 42; heavy swell.
W. light; 29.35; 42; heavy swell.
9:15 a.m.—Spoke SS. Prince Albert, entering Queen Charlotte Sound, northbound, due Ocean Falls 8 p.m.; 4:35 p.m.—Spoke SS. Prince Maquinn, off Pine Island, northbound.
Dead Tree—Rain; S. E. light; 29.30; 30; sea moderate.
Ikeda—Cloudy; N. E. light; 29.75; 35; light swell.
Prince Rupert—Snow; calm; 29.10; 22; dense seaward; 5 p.m.
Spoke SS. Prince George, due Prince Rupert 6 p.m., southbound.

line. A new 1917 Alaska folder will also be published shortly with profuse illustrations and map showing the route taken by the C. P. R. steamers to Alaska via the inside passage. Copies of the folder may later be secured on application to any of the officials of the passenger department.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str. Admiral Farragut, San Francisco; Str. El Segundo, Richmond; Str. Governor, Tacoma; Motor Barge Wakana, British Columbia ports. Sailed: Taihybin, Manila via Comox and Yokohama; Str. Columbia, Valparaiso via Port Wells; U.S.C.G. Unalga, Yakutat; Wilmington, Tacoma; Admiral Farragut, Tacoma.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4.—Arrived: W. F. Perrin, Alsea, San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str. Columbia, Valparaiso via Port Wells; U.S.C.G. Unalga, Yakutat; Wilmington, Tacoma; Admiral Farragut, Tacoma.

POINT WELLS, Wash., Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str. El Segundo, from Seattle. TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 4.—Arrived: Wilmington from Seattle, Admiral Farragut from Seattle.

INABA MARU REPORTS

N.Y.K. Liner From Orient Is Bringing 15 Passengers and 460 Tons of Freight for Victoria

Mr. W. R. Dale, local agent for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, is in receipt of advice to the effect that the Japanese liner Inaba Maru, which sailed from Yokohama on December 28 and is due to reach this port next Tuesday, January 9, is bringing a total of 137 passengers and a capacity cargo.

She has 13 passengers for Victoria and 460 tons of freight consigned to local dealers. For Vancouver the liner has 164 tons of freight. The balance of the cargo will be discharged at Seattle and Tacoma.

COLONIST SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN VESSELS
Steamers to Arrive
Inaba Maru, from Kobe, Jan. 9
Empress of Russia, from Hongkong, Jan. 10
Tamba Maru, from Hongkong, Jan. 10
Frettedale, from Hongkong, Jan. 20
Ormaton, from Glasgow, Jan. 20
Empress of Japan, from Hongkong, Jan. 21
Steamers to Sail
Yokohama Maru, for Hongkong, Jan. 8
Taihybin, for Hongkong, Jan. 8
Sado Maru, for Kobe, Jan. 15
Tamba Maru, for Hongkong, Jan. 25
St. Louis College—St. Louis College, under the management of the Irish Christian Brothers will reopen on Monday, January 8.

TURKS' MASSACRED ALL HIS RELATIVES

Armenian Returns on Sado Maru After Finding Those He Intended Bringing to Canada Were Ruthlessly Slain.

Peace and security have come to be valued very lightly by many people in Canada, who are too far away from the scenes of war to fully appreciate its horrors and the sorrow and suffering it has brought upon those who are engaged in the conflict, as well as among those for whom they are so bravely fighting.

Standing on the deck of the N.Y.K. liner Sado Maru, which docked here from the Orient yesterday morning, Kosrof Malkoian, with a mingled look of sorrowful resignation and quiet determination, to avenge an irreparable wrong, on his youthful face, told The Colonist a story which would touch a heart of stone. His pathos would reach the conscience of those inclined to too much frivolity while the nation is passing through the greatest crisis in its known history, and the very iniquity and bloodthirsty cruelty of the Turks who have left such ruin and misery in their train should prove a forceful and energizing influence upon those who are complementarily quibbling over doing their bit either in the trenches or the munition factory, or some other field of production, to add to the nation's resources in fighting an unscrupulous and heartless foe.

Malkoian is an Armenian, but he claims Canadian citizenship, for he lived in Eastern Canada for five years before the war. He worked as a moulder in an iron foundry at St. Catharines, Ontario, where his brother now resides. After coming to Canada, the land of promise, the brothers worked hard and accumulated enough money to enable them to bring their father and mother and their sister out from the town of Urmia, in Persia, where they all formerly lived. During the time spent in Canada the brothers had learned the language and ways of the hospitable people of this free country. Young Kosrof had pledged himself so faithfully to the land of his adoption that he joined one of the Canadian regiments in Eastern Canada.

One year ago it was decided that the time had come to bring their loved ones away from the land which had been so sorely affected by the destructive influences of barbarous warfare, and that Kosrof should leave at once for their old home to escort their relatives to this country.

Only Brother Left

The young man's horror and dismay can be imagined when he discovered upon his arrival that his father, mother, sister, uncles and their families, in and every relative he had in the world, outside of his brother in Canada, had been massacred by the Turks. Russian troops had succeeded in driving the Turks out, and he was informed by Russian officials that owing to the state of the country he had better return to Canada unless he wished to join the Russian forces.

The village in which Malkoian had once lived and which boasted 2,500 inhabitants, was entirely wiped out during the brutal massacres, with the exception of only five people, and no less

than five counties were included in the withering sweep of the bloodthirsty Turkish troops. Malkoian states that it is estimated that 1,250,000 Armenians have been massacred since the beginning of the war.

It was only natural that he should not wish to remain long amidst such scenes of devastation and that he should have a great longing to return to his brother in Ontario. After much difficulty, and with barely enough money to pay his passage back to Canada, he is now returning to St. Catharines, and after seeing his brother there, it is his intention to join the British forces so that he may go to the front and avenge the frightful wrong which his people have suffered at the hands of the enemy.

Dr. Ford Verrinder, dentist, has resumed practice, 208 Campbell Building, Phone 3572.

MAKE PRESENTATION TO CAPTAIN DICKSON

Inland Water Transport Man Is Honored—Captain Douglas Robertson Is Another Well-Known Officer to Join.

Before the steamer Camosun sailed from Vancouver on her present voyage to Northern British Columbia ports, there was a muster of captain, officers, engineers and crew, and they gathered to make a presentation to Captain Dickson, who resigned command of the vessel last week to take up a commission with the Inland Water Transport.

Captain Brown, who was pilot under Captain Dickson, and who now commands the Camosun, made the presentation, which consisted of a handsome pocketbook filled with bills of a negotiable character and which totaled a sum in three figures, and he expressed the regret of the Camosun men in losing one who had been master of the vessel for five years and an employee of the company for fifteen years. Captain Dickson responded in a brief speech, expressing his pleasure in finding that his old shipmates entertained such a high regard for him.

Another well known coasting master to join the same branch of the service is Captain Douglas Robertson who has resigned command of the C.P.R. steamer Princess Sophia to go overseas with the Inland Water Transport. Captain Robertson has been with the C.P.R. coasting service for eighteen years, and has held command of many of the crack vessels. His last ship was the Sophia. He is a son of the late Capt. Robertson, who was a Vancouver pilot for so many years.

Indomitable Spirit
Sergeant W. H. Fry, in charge of the local recruiting office of the Inland Water Transport at 1205 Broad Street, was surprised yesterday when Chief Engineer John McGraw, who is an uncle of Capt. Douglas Robertson, and is 61 years of age, walked in and offered his services to his country in this unit.

Under the regulations, special permission will have to be obtained before Mr. McGraw can take up a commission. He told Sgt. Fry that there must be a niche made for him somewhere, as he is determined to do his bit.

This is the spirit of the shipping men on this coast, and the example of Mr. McGraw cannot fail to influence a large number of younger men who could serve with this unit or in the R.N.C.V.R., but who are still holding back for no apparent reason whatever. Mr. McGraw was Chief Engineer on the steamer Islander, which was lost with so many lives off the coast of Alaska in the early Klondike rush.

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Nearly everyone knows of ONE man who should be in Khaki today. We ask you to give us his name so we can call upon him and give him this opportunity to join an Overseas Battalion.

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Date.....1916

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City of Victoria

MUNICIPAL NOTICE

**The Rock Bay Bridge Loan By-law,
1916.**

I hereby give notice that such of the
Electors of the Municipality of the City
of Victoria as are entitled to vote on

a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality, are requested to attend at the polling place, known as 646 Cormorant Street (north side), in the City of Victoria, on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and to record their votes for or against the passage of the "Rock Bay

Bridge Loan By-law, 1916," a copy of which by-law is published in the Victoria Daily Colonist and copies whereof are posted up at the City Hall, and in various other public places in the city, and at the Polling place.

And take notice that the said By-law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the same shall be assented to by three-fourths of the qualified electors of the City of Victoria.

Given under my hand at Victoria,
British Columbia, this 30th day of De-
cember, 1916.

WM. W. NORTHCOU'T,
Returning Officer

CITY OF VICTORIA
Municipal Notice
MUNICIPAL ELECTION, 1917, FOR
SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City,

of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, Douglas Street, in the aforesaid City on Monday the 8th day of January, 1917, from 1 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing three (3) persons to represent them as members of the Board of Trustees.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice

and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, from 9 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Postery Building, 626 Pandora Street, in the said City, as follows: All voters from "A" to "Las" inclusive, in Boot-

No. 1, and voters from "Le" to "Z" in
clusive in Booth No. 2, in said Potter
Building at which time and place each
Elector who is duly qualified to vote for
Mayor will be entitled to cast his vote
for three (3) candidates for members
of the Board of School Trustees; and
which every person is hereby required
to take notice and govern himself

Any person being a British subject of the full age of Twenty-one years actually residing within the district and having been for the six months next preceding the date of nomination the Registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property

the City School District of the assessment value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars, or more over and above any registered judgment or charge and being otherwise qualified to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District shall be eligible to be elected to serve as a School Trustee in such

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer

CITY OF VICTORIA

Municipal Notice

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, 1917

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria that I require

the presence of the said electors in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, Douglas Street, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council Mayor and Aldermen.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidate shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality, proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice

time between the close of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open Thursday the 11th day of January, 1917, from 6 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m. in the manner following.

For the Office of Mayor—All voters

No. 1, in the building known as Nos. 1417 and 1419 Broad Street; and vote from "Le" to "Z" inclusive in Block No. 2, in the building known as 1417 and 1419 Broad Street.

For the Office of Aldermen—In the building known as Nos. 1417 and 1419

Broad Street, as follows, viz.: Voters "A" to "D" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 1; Voters "E" to "L" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 2; Voters "L" to "H" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 3; and Voters "R" to "Z" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 4, of which every person required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be any person who is a male British subject of the full age of Twenty-one years not disqualified under any law, and has for six months next preceding the Day of Nomination

been the Registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of one Thousand Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who is otherwise duly qualified as a Municipality

The persons qualified to be nominated and elected as Aldermen of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of Twenty-one years, and who are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding

the Day of Nomination the Registrars of the
Owners in the Land Registry Office of
Land or Real Property in the City of
Victoria of the assessed value on the
last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five
Hundred Dollars, or more, over a
above any registered judgment or claim
and who are otherwise duly qualified

Given under my hand at Victoria
British Columbia, this 26th day of I
cember, 1916.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT
Returning Officer

